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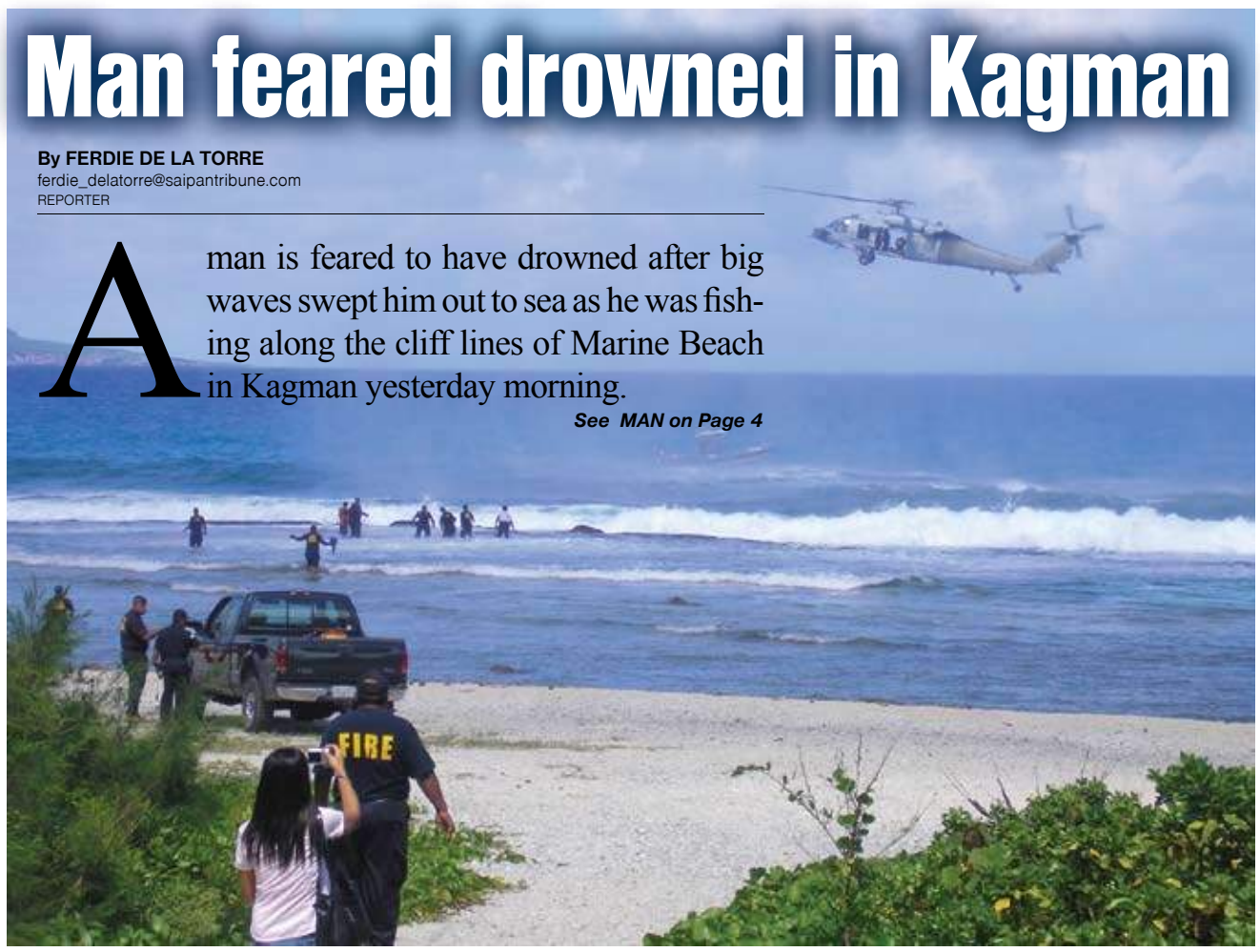

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Blockbuster Video closes

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In what may be yet another sign of the CNMI's economic downturn, the only branch of the Blockbuster chain of video rental stores on Saipan is poised to close,

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At forum, public speaks out on NMI monument

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A sea of people, some sporting orange t-shirts and others holding protest signs, filled a conference room at the Fiesta Resort and Spa Monday night for a forum on the White House's proposal to declare the waters around the CNMI's three northernmost

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STEFAN SEBASTIAN
Members of the public both for and against the White House's plan to establish a marine monument in the CNMI gave federal authorities feedback during a public forum at the Fiesta Resort Monday night.

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Lawyer claims evidence of homicide

Miura

LOS ANGELES (AP)—No evidence of foul play was found in the jail-cell death of a Japanese businessman accused of a decades-old murder-conspiracy involving his wife, a police official said Monday.

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CUC told to fast track test program for prepaid power

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Legislators urged the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. to fast track the implementation of a pilot project for the prepaid power program, which is seen as a means to help solve CUC's collection problems while allowing customers to better manage their power usage.

The prepaid power proposal, which had been on the table for many years, came up several times during a hearing before the Senate Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications on two separate bills related to CUC. One of the bills proposes to exempt low-income customers from paying the $60 reconnection fee CUC now charges customers who have had their power cut off. The other bill seeks to require CUC to set up an Internet payment system for customers.

Sen. Luis Crisostimo said both bills would not be necessary if CUC has prepaid power service in place.

Similar to prepaid call cards sold by telecommunications companies, the prepaid power program would allow customers to buy electricity in advance and in different denominations. Customers could check how much credit they have left in their account. Once there is nothing left, the power would automatically go off. The customer only has to buy more credits to get power back on.

"I think we should go 100 percent prepaid," said Crisostimo, citing advantages such as reduced costs and improved cash flow for CUC.

One major obstacle to implementing the prepaid power system is CUC's fluctuating rate system. CUC executive director Antonio Muña asked the Senate for at least 30 days to study how other electric companies in the region are implementing the program and come up with a report on the proposal.

LIHEAP

During the hearing, Muña raised concern about the House-approved bill that exempts recipients of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program from paying CUC's $60 reconnection fee. While he did not provide specific information on the potential cost impact on CUC, Muña said the proposal would result in additional costs that would eventually be passed on to paying customers.

"Bear in mind that CUC is a rate-driven agency. Any cost has to be accounted for. Every dollar we don't collect, we have to look elsewhere to make up for it. At the end of the day, any relief given to one class of customers has to be passed on to the other customers," Muña said.

Finance Secretary Eloy Inos, who was also at the hearing, noted that the bill might not work, even with the provision that requires CUC to be reimbursed for the waived reconnection fees through legislative appropriation. Inos said this was not enough assurance that CUC would be paid.

"We had the same case with the 30 percent retirement bonus. The law says the Retirement Fund will be reimbursed, but we never paid them," Inos said.

For her part, Sen. Maria Frica T. Pangelinan said the bill does not address the root of the problem, which she said is the sheer inability of LIHEAP recipients to pay their bills even with government help.

"You need to be an active customer to qualify for LIHEAP. So what we are proposing here is basically a local subsidy so people can stay in the federal subsidy program. But I don't think this legislation is the solution," she said.

Sen. Paul A. Manglona, PUTC chairman, also expressed reluctance to support the bill, saying it does not offer an incentive for LIHEAP recipients to conserve power.

Based on CUC data as of May 2008, very few LIHEAP recipients stand to benefit from the bill. On the average, about 13 of the approximately 675 LIHEAP recipients get their power disconnected each month.

Internet payment

In the same hearing, Muña told lawmakers that CUC is in the early process of developing a website that customers can use to pay their bills. He said the utility expects to have the system in place sooner than the deadline proposed in the Internet payment legislation now before Senate.

The bill mandates CUC to establish the service within 180 days of the measure becoming law.

"We're moving forward with establishing this service whether or not the Legislature asks for it. We definitely need this. A lot of customers are coming to the Dandan payment center. Whatever we can do to reduce the lines will benefit us as well," said Muña.

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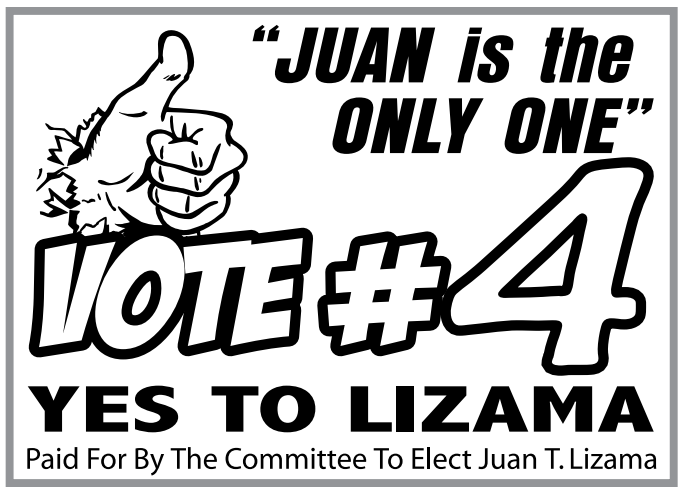

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PUBLIC NOTICE
October 21, 2008

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Board of Directors of the Commonwealth Development Authority thru its Acting Chairman, hereby informs the general public that the CDA Board of Directors will hold its regular meeting on Thursday, October 23, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at the CDA Conference Room, Second Floor, Wakin's Building, Chalan Pale Arnold Road, Saipan. The agenda for this meeting is as follows:

AGENDA

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
1. Roll Call
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Adoption of Minutes

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

III. REPORTS
1. Financial Report – CDA
2. Legal Counsel's Report

IV. DIVISIONS/COMMITTEES
1. Development Corporation Division (DCD)
2. DBD/Public Finance Committee
3. Admin. Matters/Personnel & Budget
4. QC Program/Economic Development Activities

V. OLD BUSINESS
1. Pacific Gardenia Hotel – Update
2. Sunset Villa – Update
3. Reconsideration of Previous Board Action on Rota Property

VI. NEW BUSINESS
1. Election of Officers
2. Reorganization

VII. OTHER MATTERS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items. (Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session)

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'Remove hidden costs in CUC privatization law'

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has lobbied a Senate committee to eliminate a host of unfunded mandates and hidden costs imposed by the Legislature upon CUC.

CUC executive director Antonio Muña, in a public hearing yesterday, said that CUC welcomes the proposed removal of the $250 million price tag set by a recently passed law for the sale of CUC's power system. But he urged the lawmakers not to stop with this one amendment.

"The extent of our concerns with Public Law 16-17 lies beyond the $250-million price tag," said Muña. "There are many other concerns that put an obstacle to privatization being realized and we need both the Senate and the House of Representatives to help us address them."

The Senate Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications, led by Sen. Paul A. Manglona, held the hearing to gather testimonies on a bill that proposed to eliminate the $250-million artificial price floor the law requires any private sector company to acquire the Commonwealth's power system.

During the hearing, Muña reiterated that any company buying CUC would eventually pass the cost of its investment to customers. The $250 million price tag, he added, would ultimately result in higher power rates.

"Whatever will be done as we privatize CUC has to be market-driven. It should all depend on what the market can bear. We cannot set a minimum dollar amount like $250 million, because we're going to end up paying for it. Whatever the investor pays out, they will try to recover from the customers," Muña said.

Viola Alepuyo, chairwoman of the Public Utilities Commission, said the price tag should be removed, as it "is not only unreasonable, but will increase CUC's rates." She also called on lawmakers to look at the other provisions that CUC and the Fitial administration had opposed.

Sen. Maria Frica T. Pangelinan echoed Muña and Alepuyo's statements, saying it was impractical to put a price tag on CUC. Citing information from CUC's 2005 audit report—the latest available on CUC's finances—Pangelinan said, "We should let somebody make that decision [how much to pay for CUC] based on the financial performance of CUC."

The 2005 financial audit report shows CUC assets at the power plant had a net worth of $100.7 million. It also reveals that CUC's liabilities increased from $157 million in 2003 to $182 million in 2005.

The other provisions that Muña asked the Legislature to remove from P.L. 16-17 include:

- Mandating CUC to pay a $45 million obligation to CDA,
- Requiring CUC to pay for the costs of any PUC review of CUC's actions,
- Treating business licensed for eight years in the CNMI as prequalified responsible bidders regardless of poor past performances, precarious financial condition, and defective submissions,
- Prohibiting the use of "requests for proposals" as a procurement method for privatizing CUC,
- Requiring CUC to hire a "U.S.-certified contractor" to draft the invitation to bid and evaluate the bids for the privatization project,
- Restoring the CUC board of directors,
- Putting CUC in charge of maintaining and operating all of the Public School System's water wells without providing money for it,
- Providing residential customers up to one year to pay off any outstanding balance in their accounts,
- Requiring private sector contractors to continue hiring CUC personnel without regard to the employees' job performance,
- Barring CUC from awarding a power contract to any business that "is not already permitted in a U.S. or international jurisdiction, or who has not operated a major source of emission" under EPA regulations for at least five years—a vague mandate, according to CUC,
- Limiting CUC's security deposits to one month's power usage, regardless of a customer's poor credit history,
- Requiring separate billing and payment for power, water, and wastewater services,
- Prohibiting CUC from disconnecting service to a delinquent customer if the nonpayment is caused by the government's delay in remitting subsidy under the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, and
- Capping the reconnection fee at $60.

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AT FORUM

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islands as a marine monument.

The proposal—which would place thousands of square miles of ocean water around the islands of Maug, Asuncion and Uracas under heightened federal protections—has become one of the most hotly contested local issues of the day, with supporters saying it will preserve a unique haven for undersea life and opponents arguing it will trample on the rights of people in the CNMI.

Diving into the fray this week are officials from the White House Council on Environmental Quality, who earlier on Monday held a four-hour talk with the local Legislature and private discussions with Gov. Benigno Fitial. In Monday night's forum, the White House team did far more listening than talking as members of the public both for and against the monument gave them a piece of their minds.

Throughout much of the forum, the public participants engaged in discussion groups to answer a host of questions about the proposal on topics such as, among others, what resources should be considered in the White House's assessment of the waters at issue and how to structure a co-management scheme for the region.

Among the key concerns raised by the discussion groups were whether the federal government could guarantee funding linked to the monument, whether indigenous people would continue to have access to the northern islands if the plan moves forward, and the Bush administration's timeline for making a decision—which some critics have said is rushed given the president's pending departure from the White House in January. For his part, CEQ chief James Connaughton appeared ready to try to calm the nerves of many in the crowd who came with apprehensions about the plan.

"This is an opportunity to put the Northern Marianas on the international map," he told them. "But it's an opportunity that the people of the Marianas have to want."

A crucial reservation many opponents of the proposal have long voiced is that it will limit or bar access in the future to undersea mineral deposits in the region and geothermal energy resources. However, in an interview, Connaughton said that preliminary scientific data on the plan suggests that the undersea geological resources within the proposed monument's boundaries are uniquely arranged so that they could potentially be extracted without harming the surrounding ecosystem, a point the White House is considering as it weighs how to manage the waters.

"There does not appear to be a conflict between the biological resources there and the other natural resources," he said. "This region is blessed with having all of these resources but not in conflict with one another, so all of the different interests could be met."

On the amount of access indigenous people would have in the monument, Connaughton added that "freedom of navigation" would be assured under the plan if it moves ahead and noted that when the federal government established a similar monument in Hawaii several years ago, it made significant accommodations for native people.

"You as a culture are already there on conservation," he said to one member of the crowd who had raised the issue. "What this could do is reflect that."

Some critics of the monument proposal at the forum, however, remained skeptical after Connaughton's assurances. Rep. Ramon Tebuteb (R-Saipan) said the short period of time available in the twilight of President Bush's final term might be too little for the local community to come to grips with the issue and make a decision.

"Now we have a two-month grace period before the president leaves," said Tebuteb. "Is that enough time for everybody to understand the pros and cons of this situation?"

And rather than declare the northern waters a monument, commercial fisherman David Lewis suggested the area should instead become a federal marine sanctuary, a designation he said would give more flexibility to his industry and others when it comes to the economic activities federal regulations would allow to take place there.

"I just think that the people here need to consider what they would be giving up," he said. "In order for anything to change once you create a monument, it would require an act of Congress."

Nevertheless, proponents of the monument pointed to a slew of prospective benefits the proposal might bring to the CNMI, such as an increase in tourism and new opportunities for federal funding. Deputy Labor Secretary Jacinta Kaipat, for example, who was raised on the island of Pagan near the monument's waters, said the plan could open up opportunities for indigenous people to resettle some of the northern islands with federal aid.

Kaipat added that the plan could give the CNMI's public image a boost.

"Let's get some good press for a change," she said.

Restaurateur and former congressman Andrew Salas noted the monument could also help to heal the CNMI's relationship with the federal government after heated controversies over minimum wage and immigration laws.

"This is the beginning of repairing that relationship," he said. "I hope that based on this, we can begin to develop some trust."

But for Connaughton, a major incentive in establishing a monument in the CNMI is the rare and untouched coral reef ecosystem that it would contain, one that could give the world a bright example when it comes to how to manage reefs around the globe.

"This is not about t-shirts and signs," he said, noting later that the diversity of life in the monument is richer than almost any other place on Earth. "This is the world's control for what a truly pristine coral community is supposed to look like. It has much to teach the rest of the world, so we have to do this right."

Governor says monument plan should not be 'hastily imposed'

After meeting with visiting federal officials, Gov. Benigno R. Fitial continues to insist that the marine monument proposal should not be hastily forced upon the people of the CNMI against the wishes of the democratically elected local government.

"The federal government should respect the will of the people of the CNMI, as expressed by the elected local government," said Fitial.

Fitial again highlighted the strong opposition of the administration, the municipal governments, and both houses of the CNMI Legislature. The CNMI Legislature has twice passed joint resolutions opposing the monument proposal.

"I am concerned that this federal evaluation of the marine monument proposal may be more of an announcement of the federal government's intention to impose severe environmental restrictions rather than a genuine attempt to engage in open dialogue about the true merits of the proposal," said Fitial.

The governor received reports that specific dates and time lines are being mentioned regarding the advancement of the marine monument restrictions. Fitial is also concerned about leading questions posed during a recent marine monument forum at the Fiesta Resort.

"I am concerned that this marine monument proposal may already be a forgone conclusion for some," said Fitial. "And this is just not right. It is undemocratic and disrespectful to our culture, economic aspirations, local self-government, and indigenous rights."

The governor expressed concern that well-financed special interest groups may be forcing these severe restrictions on the CNMI without the consent of the elected government or the majority of residents. ***(PR)***

BLOCKBUSTER

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leaving local people with one less place to take in a movie.

On Tuesday, staff placed "Going Out of Business" signs across the front windows of the store and began selling its DVDs at a discount. Staff declined to comment on the closure and referred questions to the company's corporate offices in the American mainland, which did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

However, one business community source said the store was struggling to stay open due to rising costs and diminished revenues. Another source later confirmed that Hollywood Video has purchased the store's video racks. It was not immediately known when Blockbuster Video will permanently shutter its doors.

As of 6pm last night, news of Blockbuster's closure has spread like wildfire through the community, with many trooping to the store to snap up the discounted DVDs and games. By 7pm, people were no longer being allowed inside the Susupe store as it was already full and the staff was reportedly planning to close down at 9:30pm.

Blockbuster's closing leaves Saipan's residents with one less place to catch a movie on the island. Last month, the island's only cinema, Hollywood Theatres announced that it would also be closing its doors two days each week.

In April, the movie theatre shut down completely, with its parent company, Wallace Theatre Corp., citing poor economic conditions in the CNMI and rising operational costs. It later reopened after the company reviewed financial projections and weighed the major outpouring of public support the theatre saw when it closed.

L.A. POLICE

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Deputy Chief Mark Perez, commander of the Office of Professional Standards, said the investigation is open. Police have said that Kazuyoshi Miura appeared to have killed himself but Miura's attorney Mark Geragos said Sunday that a private pathologist found injuries consistent with homicide.

Miura, 61, was found dead Oct. 10 in a Los Angeles Police Department jail cell. Police said he hanged himself with a piece of his shirt less than 24 hours after he was returned to the United States to stand trial for conspiring to murder his wife 27 years ago.

Geragos said pathologist David Posey found deep tissue injuries on Miura's back that indicated a beating. He also said a hematoma on Miura's larynx could have come from forced choking and that Posey concluded the injury could not have been caused by self-inflicted hanging.

Geragos said the pathologist's findings were "consistent with murder."

Perez said Monday that an inmate heard moaning from Miura's cell and banged on his door to alert a guard. He also said Miura was in his cell alone and that the only way to gain entry was with a key.

He said Miura was visible through a glass and mesh window at the top of the cell door.

Geragos said Monday by phone that Posey believed the Los Angeles coroner's office "did not go deep enough" to find the injuries he documented.

But Perez said the Police Department's investigation will not be completed until the Los Angeles County coroner's office submits its final report. He said he did not know when that would be.

Geragos has said Miura was looking forward to defending himself at trial and showed no signs of contemplating suicide. He was not under suicide watch, Perez said.

Attorneys from Geragos' office declined comment.

The Miura case was a sensation in Japan, where it was known as "the Japanese O.J. case." Former professional football star O.J. Simpson was acquitted in 1995 of murdering his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend Ronald Goldman in Los Angeles.

The Miura case began Nov. 18, 1981, when Miura and his wife Kazumi were shot by unknown assailants in a downtown Los Angeles parking garage after a day of sightseeing. Miura was shot in the leg and recovered, but his wife was shot in the head and died after lingering in a coma for a year.

Miura was convicted in 1994 in Japan of plotting his wife's death and was sentenced to life in prison, but the Japanese Supreme Court reversed the case and acquitted Miura in 2003.

Los Angeles County charged Miura with murder and conspiracy to commit murder in 1988. He was arrested in February during a trip to the U.S. territory of Saipan and extradited to the United States to face a murder conspiracy charge.

MAN

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When *Saipan Tribune* left Marine Beach at 2:10pm yesterday, a U.S. Coast Guard Hilo chopper was just leaving the beach after a failed recovery operation. As of press time late afternoon yesterday, the recovery operation was still ongoing.

A Department of Public Safety missing person advisory identified the missing man as Hilario M. Palino, a Filipino.

A family member told *Saipan Tribune* that Paleno (not Palino) is an employee of Saipan Stevedore and is in his late 30s or early 40s. He resides in Kagman 2 and has five children, all of them on Saipan.

DPS spokesperson Lei Ogumoro said the department received a report of a possible drowning incident at Marine Beach at 9:39am. Ogumoro said the incident has been classified as a missing person.

She said preliminary investigation showed that Paleno and another man were fishing at Marine Beach along the cliff lines.

A slew of huge waves hit and swept the two men out to sea. A witness rescued Paleno's companion.

Police were then called from a neighbor's house. Medics treated the victim for injuries.

As of late afternoon yesterday, Ogumoro said the DPS Dive Rescue Team, the Commonwealth Ports Authority's Search and Rescue Unit, and the Emergency Management Office were conducting water and shoreline search for Paleno.

Ogumoro said the U.S. Coast Guard's Hilo chopper conducted an aerial search.

"Surf conditions are high and waves are large and considered rough and dangerous," she said.

When *Saipan Tribune* arrived at the beach at 12:30pm, at least nine members of DPS and CPA's rescue teams were seen holding on to a rope while inside the reef line. A DPS rescue boat was on standby outside the reef.

Big waves, however, hampered the operation. Witnesses said they saw Paleno's body being buoyed up by the water then dragged under the waves.

At 1:23pm the U.S. Navy's chopper from Guam arrived at the scene. The chopper hoisted down to the beach side one rescuer, who joined local rescuers.

The chopper hovered for more than 30 minutes near the location of the rescuers. With the search hampered by huge waves, the chopper left the beach area.

Adilihna Seman, 51, told *Saipan Tribune* that a couple—Benjie and Elsa—were fishing using rod and reel when Paleno arrived and joined them.

Seman said big waves struck Paleno, who was then dragged to the sea. She said Benjie jumped into the water to save Paleno.

Elsa ran to Seman's house shouting for help. Seman said she went to her neighbor's house where she called police.

Seman said they went to the beach where she saw Benjie with bruises in his body and swollen feet.

The couple appeared exhausted but refused to be brought to the hospital, Seman said.

A pair of Paleno's boots, a broken rod and reel, along with his catch—three atulai fish—were recovered and placed on the beach side.

The beach is very dangerous due to the big waves, a police officer said. There is also a cave under the water, he added.

NMI artists return from fruitful trip to Guam Fair

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The artists and dancers who represented the CNMI in the just concluded 21st Annual Guam Micronesia Island Fair became one of the main attractions of the event, according to the delegation, which is back on the islands.

The group was composed of six Wellipal Cultural Dancers and Talabwog Women Stick Dancers and six artist each from Saipan, Tinian and Rota. The artists attracted visitors during their demonstrations on the traditional craft of weaving seeds, beads, mwar and carving canoe, coconut shell and other skills.

The Saipan artists are Ignacio Borja (Rosalin seed weaver), John Castro (carver), Filiciana L. Ruben (beads weaver), Joe Vince Dla Cruz (talaya weaver), Tony Pialug (canoe carver), and Prescilla T. Castro (mwar weaver).

The delegation from Tinian was composed of Emiliana Burgarin (seed jewelry crafter), Cynthia Takashi (coconut shell carver), Jake Mendiola (oil painter), Teruko King (donnie processing), Eddie Dela Cruz (composer), and Joseph Dela Cruz (coconut weaver).

Rota delegates were Luis Taimanao (shell carver), Natividad O. Barcinas (coconut oil presentation), Fermina O. Blas (traditional medicine), Albet S. Toves Jr. (sand painter), Timothy San Nicolas (Da'ok oil), and Jose Ayuyu (wood carver).

The three-day fair, held on Oct. 17-19 at the Gov. Joseph Flores Memorial Park in Guam, drew participants from Yap, Thailand, Kosrae, Palau, Saipan, Australia, and Marshall Islands.

"It was really good. It was an honor to represent the CNMI," said Ramona Rebuenog, director of the Council of Arts and Culture.

The annual fair is the biggest cultural event in Guam and is hosted by the Guam Visitors Bureau.

This year, the event focused on seafaring traditions, with master canoe builders of Micronesia gathering to showcase their art as tribute to 2008 being the Year of the Proa, the local word for the handcrafted seagoing canoes of Guam and Micronesia.

Rebuenog said the CNMI had been sending delegation to the fair over the years.

She said the Wellipal dancers attracted viewers with their lively interpretation of the traditional 'mwaas' dancing and stick dancing, in contrast to the Talabwog 'bwai' dancing, which is a slower.

Rebuenog said the Guam fair is similar to the annual Flame Tree Arts Festival on Saipan.

CUC to use up Rydlyme stock

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. is planning to soon use thousands of gallons of the chemical Rydlyme that remain unused and stored on Saipan and Rota.

CUC executive director Antonio Muña told *Saipan Tribune* that they are planning to use Rydlyme, a de-scalant chemical, on one of the engines that are operational now at the Lower Base power plant.

"We are going to use it. We still have supplies on Rota and on Saipan," Muña said.

Rydlyme, produced by Apex Engineering Products Corp., is intended to dissolve water scale deposits in cooling passages without dismantling the equipment or pipes.

CUC's alleged questionable purchase of thousands of gallons of Rydlyme has led to the indictment of Lt. Gov. Timothy Villagomez, his sister Joaquina Villagomez Santos, her husband James Santos, and former CUC executive director Anthony Guerrero.

According to the indictment, of the 8,175 gallons of Rydlyme that remain unused, at least 1,485 gallons are in storage on Rota.

CUC reportedly experienced damage to some equipment during the 1998 to 2000 purchase of the chemical.

Despite the presence of the chemical in a storage room on Rota, the indictment stated that CUC purchased an additional 3,000 gallons in 2007, using sole-source emergency purchase.

Muña said he is not sure how much gallons of Rydlyme are still in CUC's possession, but that he is sure they are going to transfer the chemicals from Rota to Saipan because of their plan to use it in improving the reliability of the power engines.

Muña said there was a decision made before at CUC to use water in the engines and that had created problems since well water has lots of minerals and is salty. He said the well water created a lot of residue in the engines. When the water evaporates, mineral wastes are left behind in the engines.

"Rydlyme is supposed to assist in cleaning that up. And we do plan to use it," he said.

Muña said CUC has now moved from using well water to treated water or rainwater.

Kagman community meeting today

The Department of Public Safety, NMI Crime Stoppers and Kagman Community Association would like to invite the residents of Kagman to a meeting today, Oct. 22, at 6:30pm, at the Kagman Community Center.

The NMI Crime Stoppers will be in attendance to inform community members about the Crime Stoppers program and how residents can help solve crimes in the CNMI. The Fire Division's Fire Prevention Section will also be present at the meeting to advise families and individuals on how they can protect themselves and their homes from home fires and how they can prepare a fire escape plan to further ensure their safety. Attendees will be receiving free Crime Stoppers memorabilia.

For questions or concerns you may have, contact the Office of the Commissioner at 664-9022/23. ***(PR)***

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Govendo denies adoption of alien teenager

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REPORTER

The adoption of an adult is only allowed when it is in conformance with the local culture and not for the purpose of circumventing CNMI or federal laws, according to Superior Court associate judge Kenneth Govendo.

Govendo made the ruling in his decision to deny a man's petition to adopt an 18-year-old Chinese.

He said the Commonwealth allows the adoption of an adult at the Superior Court's discretion, but only if it is in conformance with local culture or custom and not for the purpose of circumventing or evading local or federal laws.

According to court records, the petitioner is a U.S. citizen and a resident of the CNMI. He is the stepfather of the 18-year-old Chinese.

The petitioner is presently married to the teen's mother. The natural mother consents to the adoption.

The natural father abandoned the child in 1991 and has never supported the child.

The child was born on June 16, 1990, in China, but has been living on Saipan since May 2007. He is currently living with the petitioner and his natural mother.

The hearing was held last Oct. 2.

In his order issued yesterday, Govendo said he finds no evidence that this adoption is required by local culture or adheres to local custom. Govendo said the petitioner failed to explain how the adoption of this adult is part of the local culture.

"The only reason given was that life in the Commonwealth would be an improvement for the adult child over his life in China. No other explanation, problem or concern was offered to the court in support of this petition," he said.

While this may be a valid statement, the judge said, it is not an adequate reason to approve the adoption.

"The relevant statute clearly requires a showing that the adoption is in conformance with local culture and no evidence to this effect was offered," Govendo said.

He noted that since the petitioner failed to indicate a cultural reason behind adopting the teenager, he finds that the sole purpose of this adoption is to circumvent U.S. immigration laws so the child can remain in the CNMI.

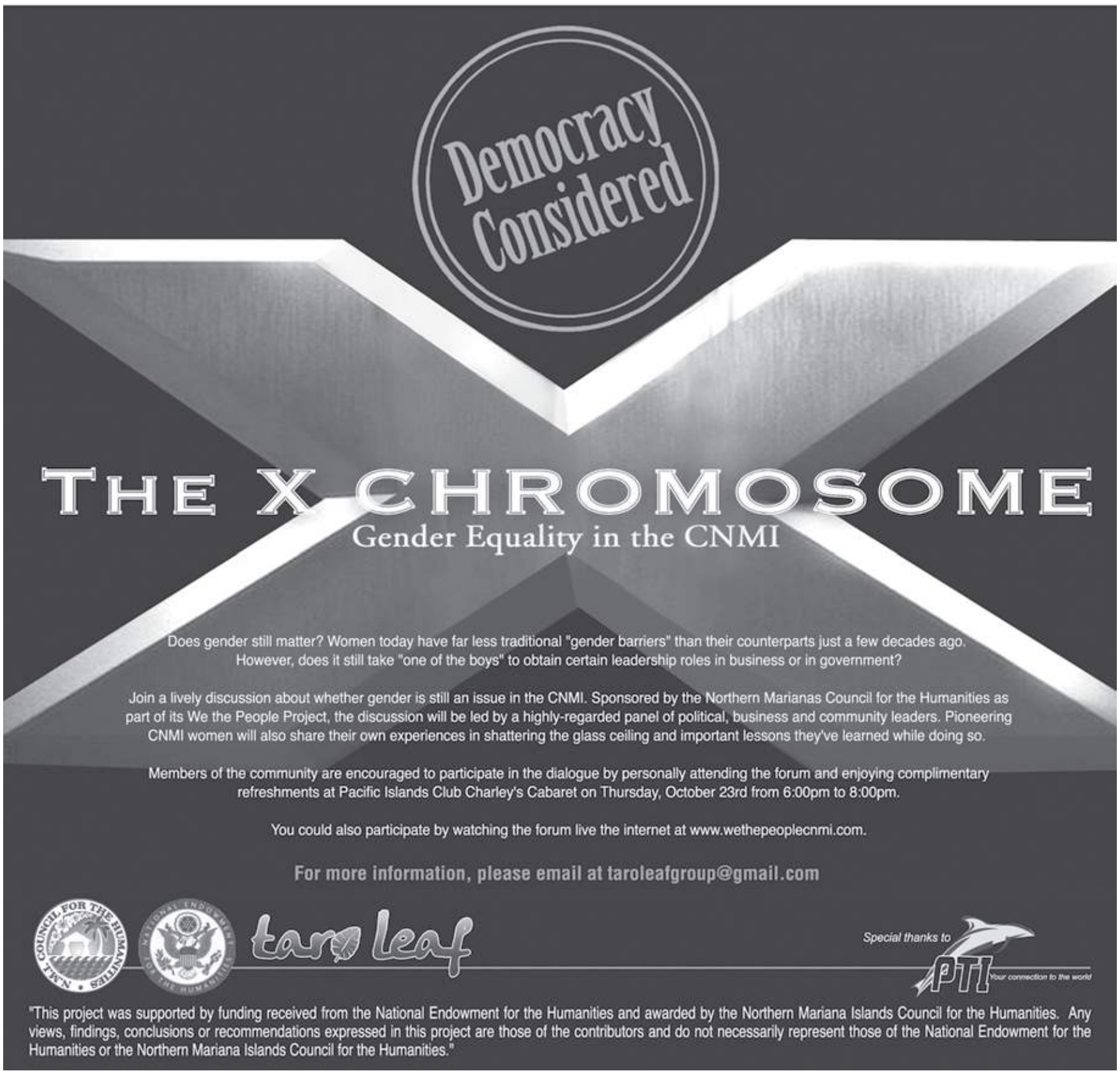
"This is not the intended purpose of the adoption laws," he stressed.

Govendo underscored the importance of preserving adoptions for the purposes for which they are intended.

"Adoption is intended to provide legal parental rights to those who care for a child in need of a parental figure. To grant an adoption in order to obtain a change in immigration status or obtain a different passport is an abuse of the process, and it is a violation of the laws of the Commonwealth and the United States," he said.

TURNOVER OF ORNAMENTS CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Resident Representative Pete A. Tenorio poses with Dandan Elementary School students and teachers as they prepare to present him with locally made Christmas ornaments that will be used to decorate the CNMI tree in the 2008 Lighting Ceremony of the National Christmas Tree in Washington D.C. The CNMI Tree, along with those representing the 50 states, five territories and D.C., will be displayed on the "Pathway of Peace" where hundreds of visitors can enjoy viewing the beautifully decorated trees.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You could also participate by watching the forum live the internet at www.wethepeoplecnmi.com.
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Defunct Winners Corp. sued for discrimination

A woman has filed a discrimination lawsuit in federal court against defunct garment manufacturer Winners Corp. after she was terminated allegedly due to her pregnancy.

Tham Thi Mai, a Vietnamese, asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to order Winners Corp. to pay her back pay from her last day of work to the date of her re-employment.

Mai, through counsel Pamela Brown, demanded for damages, attorney's fees, and court costs.

Winners Corp. shut down in February, affecting the employment of 337 alien workers and 28 resident workers.

In the complaint filed Monday, Brown stated that Mai began working for Winners in November 2005; her contract expired Feb. 20, 2007.

Brown said Mai was the only Vietnamese on her sewing production line and one of the only four Vietnamese among 500 employees.

In October 2006, Mai learned that she was pregnant. She notified Meng Mei Shun, her line leader at Winners, about this.

Brown said that on Dec. 21, 2006, Winners' owner/manager Ho Sik Min informed Mai that her contract would not be renewed.

The lawyer said the company renewed all non-Vietnamese workers on the sewing production line where Mai was assigned and hired additional non-Vietnamese alien workers at the factory.

Winners, according to Brown, failed and refused to renew Mai's employment contract because of her pregnancy and her national origin.

Brown said the law prohibits Winners' refusal to hire or to discharge Mai on the basis of her national origin. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

DEQ: Noisy generators operate sans permit

By NAZARIO RODRIGUEZ JR.
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REPORTER

The Division of Environmental Quality had asked the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. to help resolve a complaint regarding noisy generators of a building being used as staff housing for employees of Hyatt Regency Saipan.

The generators, DEQ said, have no permits to operate.

Hyatt said they are already aware of this but could not comment as of press time since the person in charge, Human Resource director Josephine Mesta, is off island on official business. Hyatt's general manager Nick Nishikawa is also out of the CNMI.

DEQ director Frank M. Rabauliman recently wrote CUC executive director Antonio Muña about a complaint regarding the noise and air emissions brought about by the generators.

Rabauliman's letter told Muna that the staff house is currently running its own on-site power generation system because it has been disconnected from the CUC grid.

DEQ said it responded to the complaint and its staff found that residents of the staff house as well as residents of other properties in the area "are being exposed to noise levels that are in excess of certain accepted standards for residential areas."

Rabauliman said the residents are also being exposed to levels of air emissions, which he said still has to be determined.

He said this is primarily because the staff housing generators are not currently permitted to operate.

The letter, which was dated Oct. 8, was copy furnished to Hyatt GM Nishikawa, the Zoning Office and Coastal Resources Management Office.

CRM faxed the letter to *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Muña and Rabauliman could not be contacted for comments because they were reportedly at important meetings.

"We are requesting CUC's assistance in resolving this matter by looking into the possibility of reconnecting the Hyatt staff housing facility to island power, to eliminate the exposure of residents and neighbors to potentially hazardous levels of noise and air emissions," Rabauliman wrote.

He said DEQ is concerned that similar problems may exist in other areas of Saipan at this time.

"We are requesting CUC's assistance in auditing all currently disconnected facilities and developing a prioritized reconnection list based on noise and air emissions hazard," Rabauliman told Muña.

Cleanup set for Kagman beach

The Division of Environmental Quality's cleanup brigade will be at it again, picking up trash at Tank Beach in Kagman.

If you would like to volunteer your time to clean and beautify our island, meet with brigade members on Saturday, Nov. 1, 2008, at 8am.

Volunteers will clean until 10am and break for drinks and then continue, if needed.

This month, outstanding brigade volunteers who participated in at least 10 monthly cleanups will receive a brigade cap and those who participated in at least three cleanups will receive a green brigade t-shirt.

"This is a cleanup that should not be missed, so join DEQ's cleanup brigade and 'Pick It Up!' Let us work together for the health of our coral reefs and cleanliness of our beaches for everyone to enjoy," DEQ said in a statement.

The DEQ cleanup brigade began in 1996 and continues to maintain clean, healthy beaches. At its last cleanup held on Oct. 4, volunteers removed 1,740 lbs of debris from Unai Dangkulo beach.

For more information about volunteering, contact the DEQ office at 664-8500. ***(DEQ)***

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BANKPACIFIC, LTD., Plaintiff, vs. WILMER R. SABLAN aka WILMER RABAGO SABLAN and EMERITHA T. TORRES aka EMERITHA TAISACAN TORRES, Defendants.	CIVIL ACTION NO. 07-0360 NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order of Sale issued by the Court in this matter on September 15, 2008, I will cause to be sold at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth herein below, to satisfy a Judgment entered June 03, 2008, in favor of Plaintiff, Defendants' interest in and to the following real property situated in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as described below:

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1. **Date, Time, and Place of Sale.** The sale, open to the general public (including the Defendant), will be on November 14, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. at the Guma Hustisia, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands.
2. **Inspection of Property.** Failure to inspect the property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment, or rescission by the bidder.
3. **Warranties and Covenants.** The property listed for sale in this Notice will be sold in its current condition. The sale will be held without any warranties or covenants whatsoever, whether express or implied, including but not limited to warranties of merchantability, and/or title for any purpose whatsoever, all of which warranties and covenants are hereby expressly disclaimed. Neither the undersigned nor the Plaintiff shall be liable for the quality of the property listed for sale, or for any fault or defect in the description thereof. Buyer shall not be entitled to rescission, damages, or any other remedy on account thereof.
4. **Conduct of Sale.**
   a. RESERVE. The sale may be held with reserve. Disclosure of the reserve price on the property offered will be at the sole discretion of the undersigned.
   b. BIDS. Bids may be submitted in advance for the property listed. The highest of such advance bids will be the opening bid for the property. Advance bids may be submitted in writing and delivered to Vincent J. Seman, Carlsmith Ball LLP, Carlsmith Building, P.O. Box 5241, Capitol Hill, Saipan MP 96950. The bidder assumes all risk of non-delivery, late delivery, or error in delivery of bids.
   c. DISPUTES. The undersigned may resubmit any property listed in this Notice of Sale if a dispute arises as to any bid thereon.
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5. **Court Approval Required**. Every property sale is subject to approval by the Court. The Auctioneer and Plaintiff make no warranties or promises with respect to Court approval of the sale, including but not limited to the time in which such approval may be granted. No delay in the granting of Court approval shall be ground for any claim, adjustment, or rescission by any successful bidder. The successful bidder will be promptly notified if and when court approval is granted. The sale is subject to the judgment debtor's rights of redemption pursuant to Commonwealth law.
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Guam lawmaker Won Pat to join panel on gender equality

Judith T. Won Pat, current speaker of the Guam Legislature, has confirmed her participation as a panelist for tomorrow's forum on gender issues. She will join other highly regarded and accomplished leaders like Sen. Maria "Frica" Pangelinan, Rebecca Warfield, Agnes McPheters, Kimberly King-Hinds, Cinta Kaipa, and Laura Manglona.

In addition to serving as the current speaker, Won Pat has also been elected to the 23rd, 24th, 26th and 28th Guam Legislatures. Further, she has served as an adjunct professor at the University of Guam's College of Education, a principal at the Dededo Middle School and the F. B. Leon Guerrero Middle School, and a deputy director for Guam's Department of Labor. She earned her doctorate degree from the University of San Diego and master's degree from the University of Guam.

Titled "The X Chromosome: Gender Equality in the CNMI," the forum is sponsored by the Northern Marianas Council for the Humanities as part of its We the People Project and organized by Taro Leaf Inc.

Women today have less traditional "gender barriers" than their counterparts just a few decades ago. Political, business and community leaders like those mentioned earlier will be discussing whether these barriers still exist. They will also talk about whether it still takes "one of the boys" to obtain certain leadership roles in business or in government. The role of gender in leadership styles will also be discussed.

Pioneering CNMI women will also share their own experiences in shattering the glass ceiling and important lessons they've learned while doing so. Other topics will include other key issues facing today's women. The forum will be moderated by Frances Sablan.

Members of the community are encouraged to participate in the dialogue by personally attending the forum and enjoying complimentary refreshments at the Pacific Islands Club Charley's Cabaret on Thursday, Oct. 23, from 6pm to 8pm.

Off-island residents can also participate by watching the forum live on the internet at www.wethepeoplecnmi.com. Instructions on submitting questions and comments can be found on the site. ***(PR)***

State bar chiefs urge presidential bets to act on civil justice issues

State bar presidents from across the country, including Maya Kara of the CNMI Bar Association, have joined together, calling on presidential candidates John McCain and Barack Obama to address a number of critical legal issues and policy topics confronting the nation during their respective bids for the White House.

Signed by the leaders of 33 state bar associations, a letter focusing on substantive legal issues and challenges that lawyers, citizens and state bar presidents confront on a daily basis was sent to each candidate's campaign staff. The letter emanated from a summit recently convened by New York State Bar Association President Bernice K. Leber in New York City.

ON THE NET
www.nysba.org/presidentsletter

Dated Oct. 8, the letter asks the candidates to respond to a number of questions concerning a range of important areas, including expanding civil legal services and access to justice for the poor, maintaining a fair and impartial judiciary, working to depoliticize the Justice Department, and infusing civics education into public schools to enhance children's knowledge of the central role played by the justice system in American society.

Following the election in November, the bar presidents will ask the newly-elected President to meet with them in Washington, D.C. next April in order to discuss the President's program on legal and justice system issues.

In addition to Bernice K. Leber, president of the New York State Bar Association, the list of signatories represents leaders of state bar associations from throughout the nation, including Maya B. Kara, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Bar Association.

The 74,000-member New York State Bar Association is the largest voluntary state bar association in the nation and was founded in 1876. ***(PR)***

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SUBMISSION: NOVEMBER 05, 2008 TIME: 2:00 P.M.

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GOVERNOR BENIGNO R. FITIAL AND LT. GOVERNOR TIMOTHY P. VILLAGOMEZ, THROUGH THE CNMI WATER TASK FORCE, ARE SOLICITING SEALED BIDS FROM QUALIFIED FIRMS OR INDIVIDUALS FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF EXPLORATORY DRILLING EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES TO CONDUCT EXPLORATORY WELL DRILLING ON SAIPAN, COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS.

THE PROCUREMENT SPECIFICATIONS AND SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOWER BASE, SAIPAN ON OR AFTER **OCTOBER 22, 2008.**

ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BID SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO MR. THOMAS S. SALAS, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, VIA E-MAIL AT salasthomas@gmail.com NO LATER THAT **2:00 P.M., NOVEMBER 03, 2008.**

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/s/ BENIGNO R. FITIAL
GOVERNOR

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR, P&S

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/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
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Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

October 22, 1999

Aranza: No more political campaign
Office of Insular Affairs Director Danny Aranza yesterday ended a two-day visit to the CNMI, acknowledging the "uphill battle" facing his efforts to restore ties with island leaders amid the ongoing congressional probe into the conduct of some of its officials. He said, however, he would welcome sanctions from Congress or any investigating panel against any OIA officials found guilty of alleged on-the-job political campaign that used CNMI issues as weapon against the island's Republican supporters in Washington.

Ingram backs jail officials
Public Safety Commissioner Charles W. Ingram yesterday dismissed charges of incompetence leveled by inmates against officials of the Division of Corrections, saying they were qualified to run the prison. Two petitions have been circulated seeking the ouster or transfer of DOC Director Greg T. Castro, Assistant Chief Juan Ayuyu and Capt. Johannes Ngiraibuuch whom the prisoners said were unfit for the job.

October 22, 2001

Deadline for absentee voters extended
With 15 days left before the general election, the House of Representatives acted swiftly in passing a bill that would extend the period for receiving absentee votes from seven days to 14 days. House Bill 12-421 now goes to the upper chamber, where Senate President Paul A. Manglona also promised swift action on the measure so it would be passed into law before the November 3 elections. Earlier reports had it that Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio has already expressed willingness to sign the measure into law.

Lizama wins case, gets $1.9M
A CNMI Superior Court has awarded $1.9 million in damages to Associate Judge Juan T. Lizama, after ruling in his favor in connection with a vehicular accident he figured in sometime in 1988. Guam magistrate Joaquin V.E. Manibusan Jr. made the judgment Friday, while sitting as pro-tempore judge for the Superior Court.

October 22, 2002

NMI eyes 'non-risk' list
Gov. Juan N. Babauta has ordered the Department of Labor and Immigration to come up with a CNMI list of approved countries, following the controversial entry to Saipan of 39 nonresident workers from Egypt. The Governor, in an interview yesterday, said that having "our own approved list" would solve some confusion regarding the acceptance of foreign nationals.

Crackdown on tax evaders proposed
The backgrounds of local businesses should be checked to verify unpaid taxes before the Tax and Revenue division issues a permit to operate to prevent unscrupulous traders from evading tax liabilities. Customs division director Joe Mafnas said there is a need for a law that would allow the customs division to do a background check to effectively crack down on tax evaders. The investigation would not only minimize the backlog on tax collectibles but would also help the CNMI government collect unpaid liabilities from these businesses.

October 22, 2003

Jury acquits Demapan
Former Senate president Juan S. Demapan, second left, and his attorney, former CNMI Supreme Court Associate Justice Pedro Atalig, extreme right, share smiles with supporters outside the U.S. District Court after a jury acquitted him and businessman Michael Kerschner on wire fraud charges. A federal jury composed mostly of local residents acquitted former Senate president Juan S. Demapan and businessman Michael Kerschner on multiple wire fraud charges. The jury handed down the verdict yesterday afternoon after about two weeks of deliberations. Demapan and Kerschner underwent a full-blown trial on a count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud and five wire fraud counts, among other charges.

AGO vows fight vs election fraud
The Attorney General's Office vowed to aggressively pursue electoral fraud cases, starting the campaign by filing criminal charges against a relative of newly elected senator Joseph Mendiola. CNMI chief prosecutor David Hutton slapped unlawful registration and perjury charges against Tinian resident Francisco B. Mendiola.

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EDITORIAL

Is capitalism dead?

Is this the end of American capitalism? As financial panic spread across the globe and governments scrambled to contain the damage, reality seemed to announce the doom of U.S.-style free markets and President Bush's ideology. But this is wrong in two ways. The deregulation of U.S. financial markets did not reflect only the narrow ideology of a particular party or administration. And the problem with the U.S. economy, more than lack of regulation, has been government's failure to control systemic risks that government itself helped to create. We are not witnessing a crisis of the free market but a crisis of distorted markets.

It's true that the Bush administration has stood for light regulation of capital markets. But it did not invent this approach. By the middle of the last decade, experts across the spectrum believed that U.S. financial institutions faced outmoded restraints on their ability to innovate. Thus, the Clinton administration, supported by then-Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, refused to tighten regulations on financial derivatives, memorably dubbed "financial weapons of mass destruction" by Warren Buffett. The 1999 repeal of the Glass-Steagall Act, a Depression-era law separating commercial banking and investment banking, passed with overwhelming bipartisan support in Congress and was signed into law by President Clinton.

We'll never know how this newly liberated financial sector might have performed on a playing field designed by Adam Smith. That's because government interventions of all kinds, from the defense budget to farm supports, shaped the business environment. No subsidy would prove more fateful than the massive federal commitment to residential real estate—from the mortgage interest tax deduction to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to the Federal Reserve's low interest rates under Mr. Greenspan. Unregulated derivatives known as credit-default swaps did accentuate the boom in mortgage-based investments, by allowing investors to transfer risk rather than setting aside cash reserves. But government helped make mortgages a purportedly sure thing in the first place. Home prices seemed to stand on a solid floor built by Washington.

Government support for housing was well-intentioned: Homeownership is a worthy goal. But when government favors a particular economic activity, however validly, it must seek countervailing control to ensure the sustainable use of public resources. This is why banks must meet capital requirements in return for federal deposit insurance. Congress did not apply this sound principle to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac; they were allowed to engage in profitable but increasingly risky activities with an implicit government guarantee. The result was that taxpayers had to assume more than $5 trillion of their obligations. Contrast U.S. experience with that of Canada, where there is no mortgage interest deduction and the law requires insurance on any mortgage over 80 percent of a home's purchase price. Delinquency rates at Canada's seven largest banks are near historic lows.

The new capitalist model that emerges from this crisis must operate according to more consistent principles. The Fed should set interest rates with the long-run value of the dollar in mind. Government must be more selective about manipulating markets; over the long term, business works best when it is subject to market discipline alone. In those cases—and there will and should be some—in which government intervenes on behalf of social goals, its support must be counterbalanced with taxpayer protections and regulation. Government-sponsored, upside-only capitalism is the kind that's in crisis today, and we say: Good riddance.

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"THERE'S BEEN A SEISMIC SHIFT IN THE NUMBERS . . . 28 PERCENT ARE SUPPORTING OBAMA, 19 PERCENT McCAIN, AND 53 PERCENT NOW SUPPORT JOE THE PLUMBER!"

Subliminal persuasion

The only way to take control of your life, raise your standard of living and move beyond merely surviving is to create your own unique product or service that you offer to increasing numbers of people in exchange for the things of value that you desire. This simple formula applies to countries as well as people. A self-sufficient economy has its own products or services of value to export to the world. Similarly, a self-sufficient individual has something of value to exchange in the global marketplace. That thing of value is based on your natural talent, skill, or interest—in other words, your passion!

THE SAIPANPRENEUR PROJECT *Creating economic success for the CNMI*

By WALT F.J. GOODRIDGE
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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I've always been intrigued by the concept and application of subliminal tapes, hypnosis, past life regressions, psychic phenomenon and any way to access the secret powers and potential of the mind. I recently had an interesting conversation about these topics, and the effectiveness of subliminal messages. Here's my take. First, let's bring everyone up to speed.

What are subliminals?

A "subliminal" message is a signal or message embedded in another medium, designed to pass below the normal limits of the human mind's perception. These messages are unrecognizable by the conscious mind, but in certain situations can affect the subconscious mind and importantly, the unconscious mind, and can negatively or positively influence subsequent later thoughts, behaviors, actions, attitudes, belief systems and value systems. The term subliminal means "beneath a limen" (sensory threshold). This is derived from the Latin words sub, meaning under, and limen, meaning threshold. *[from wikipedia]*

You may have heard of instances back in the 1950s in the US where movie theatres were discovered to be flashing messages like "buy popcorn now" during movies in an effort to increase their concession stand sales.

You may have heard about alcohol companies in the 1960s incorporating hidden sexually suggestive images in the ice cubes of photos in their ads.

This is called subliminal advertising. Years later, for various reasons, people debate its effectiveness. But soon, you'll never have to debate. But first...

Think about this

Do you recall ever having scary dreams after watching a horror movie when you were a child? Even if you didn't, you perhaps know of someone who did. That's an example of images impressed upon your mind in a conscious state (while you were awake) that had the power to influence your subconscious state (while you were asleep).

Now, in your later years, do you recall ever having a bad dream that affected your mood when you woke up? Even if you didn't, you perhaps know of someone who did. That's an example of images impressed upon you during a non-conscious state (while you were asleep) that had the power to influence your conscious state (while you were awake).

So we already know that things that you "see," whether asleep or awake, whether real or imagined, whether true or not, can affect you.

Now, how about things that you "don't" see?

We mentioned the movie theatre subliminals and the alcohol ad ice cubes of the 50s and 60s. If you asked a person in the theatre, or someone who viewed the alcohol ad if they actually recall seeing the subliminally suggestive images, they would have said no. Their conscious minds didn't register it, but their actions (suddenly getting the urge to buy popcorn, or deciding on a particular brand of alcohol) show they were in fact influenced.

We know that scientists have used hypnosis to help people recall events from their childhoods, events that they've forgotten, and things they didn't realize that they actually saw.

The human mind receives impressions from the external environment on a conscious and subconscious level. There are millions of stimuli that you are recording in your brain—sounds, smells, images, tastes—right now at this very moment that you aren't consciously acknowledging. However, perhaps a few years from now, when you think back on this moment, your mind may put these impressions into a format and context which you can use for comparison, etc.

So we know that just because you don't acknowledge the person walking by you in an orange t-shirt with specific words written on it, doesn't mean your mind hasn't recorded it. It's there, waiting to affect you in some way in the immediate or far future.

So, we already know that things that you "don't" (or don't realize you do) see can affect you, too.

So, here's why you should *never* argue with *anyone* about the effectiveness of subliminals...ever again: Because it's a waste of time to question or debate the effectiveness of something *you already know works!*

First, subliminal messages are often simply words. Don't let anyone tell you that words do not influence you. You already know they do. When someone gives you a compliment, it can affect your mood all day. When you hear or read the news it affects your mood. If words didn't have an effect on us, no one would be able to learn a language, do their homework or even think!

Second, subliminal messages are often simply images. Don't let anyone tell you that images do not influence you. You already know they do. When you see a terrible car accident on the way to work, it can affect your mood all day.

How many times have you had an unexplainable reaction to a

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In search of MM

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO
Special to the Saipan Tribune

DelRosario is the Secretary of the Department of Public Lands.

James Connaughton, chief of the White House Council on Environmental Quality, is here seeking the support of the CNMI for the establishment of a marine monument in the northernmost part of these isles.

The plan doesn't include any of the three islands being sought by Pew but only the vast expanse of marine area around the three isles, according to Connaughton. This is substantially different from the Pew proposal.

It seems untimely a plan for there's the desire that it be done before President Bush leaves office in three months' time. The governor firmly expressed the view that there's no need to "rush" the issue.

Connaughton assures that the plan will include real participation of the NMI via the issuance of a high-powered presidential proclamation. It must be pointed out that the federal government hasn't been able to work as a real partner with the NMI over the last three decades. This factual premise makes any other federal plan highly suspect.

Federal law mandates Washington to provide for a "progressively higher standard of living" for the people of the CNMI. This hasn't happened but the feds came out with US Public Law 110-229 that sets the stage to reduce revenue generation by as much as 50 percent. What sterling performance!

He mentioned that the establishment of the marine monument would give the NMI greater patrol coverage from the U.S. Department of Defense. It must be noted too that the failure of the DOF isn't a reason for acquisition of a marine area here. It seems that every failure is translated into acquisition of some sort. It doesn't follow, does it? All that DOD needs to do is increase patrol boats and head to sea on a regular basis.

Connaughton meant well in his presentation. But there's the question of authority over the marine monument. Though legally the vast expanse of waters being sought may be the purview of the national government, majority of our people are strongly in conformity that the land and sea has been a part of tradition since time immemorial. We're not ready to relinquish our ancestral rights in any form or fashion.

Too, I heard through the grapevine that the USGAO wants to revise its report on the CNMI. We should be cautious on this issue and counter it with our own at the appropriate time. A revision without our input is baseless and useless. Scrambling to regain credibility must be USGAO's ultimate goal in its planned trip to the islands.

Manufacturing On Final Sail

When JAL left the NMI, it drained these isles of about $700 million. It's a huge plunge in revenue that no longer recycles in the local economy. We were caught off-guard with our pants down.

Now, the apparel industry is on its final sail out of the harbor enroute to a venue where labor is cheap. It will also drain the NMI of some $32 million in direct taxes. It leaves behind a ghost town and hundreds of unemployed locals.

We ponder with fainted confidence how do we replace these losses as local leadership converges to figure out the future of these isles. What makes it difficult is that solutions to these concerns can't be resolved via the instant soba mindset.

In the process, I have seen a parade of Atlases shrug as the challenge intensifies to resolve issues of substance that will determine the wellbeing of posterity. Most are staying low hoping nobody recognizes their presence. Fortunately, the governor hasn't shrugged. He's the only Atlas standing ever determined to navigate the rough seas of financial uncertainty at the global level. He has real leadership resolve to rebuild and return these isles to economic normalcy.

Indeed, there are internal and external detractors who would do anything to derail our efforts. But we will stand with all who wish to join us in the march to providing concrete solutions to the bitter end. After all, there's nothing more satisfying than the personal satisfaction that you have done something substantive to improve the lot of your people. This is what leadership with real resolve is all about, no more, no less!

Absent Clarity of Understanding

Various views have been expressed versus the federal lawsuit. How sad that Gregorio Cruz claims to represent the indigenous people. But he has mastered the art of vacillation and buckles when tasked to protect the inalienable rights of the indigenous people to greater degree of self-government.

It boggles the mind how a weak-kneed Captain Indigenous just misses the point from A-Z. But then what are we to expect from an angry man and his diminished cabal incapable of understanding with clarity what indigenous issues of substance entail.

This group is a chartered, non-profit organization and such being its status, may I publicly call upon the Office of the Public Auditor to conduct a thorough ocular review of its fundraising, funds collected, expenditures, among others.

I am also publicly calling upon the Office of the Attorney General to probe Mr. Cruz's collection firm. Specifically, who are his clients, how much has he collected and whether he has paid them their dues. Again, my friend, let's do it right.

Let's see if Mr. Cruz isn't hiding behind the veil of a non-profit group for purposes of his rumored personal aggrandizement. It's only right that we do it right, sir! Let's see if you're one Atlas who won't shrug in the midst of the virulent seas of adversity.

Letter to the Editor

Blatantly wrong

In response to Mr. Bennett's letter of Friday, Oct. 17, 2008, I see that Mr. Bennett is still trying to steal the bargaining rights from the teacher's union—ACT! Anyone interested in answering the question of who has the right to select/elect a teacher's representative should get a copy of ACT documents from the Office of the Attorney General and read the part about collective bargaining!

ACT documents state that ''ACT is the exclusive bargaining agent for teachers." This right is limited to the teachers who are *members* of ACT to meet independently of PSS or the governor and elect a candidate for representative to the school board. (By approving ACT documents, the CNMI government has already granted ACT the bargaining rights and ACT is a perpetual entity and has no ending date.) Then the governor has the right to recommend or not recommend that candidate to the school board. Next, PSS board has the right to accept or reject that candidate. This method gives each entity a fair chance to be a part of the process because each must approve the selection.

Mr. Bennett has tried to steal this right from all three by forming a little group of teachers with the express purpose of getting himself elected, then resigning from his teacher's group, and then demanding all kinds of rights from PSS board for Mr. Bennett—*not for teachers*!

I would like to make two suggestions: Tell Mr. Bennett to swim back to the mainland and then the three entities named above work together and as Larry the Cable Guy sez, "Git er done."

I came to Saipan thinking that if I didn't like it I would leave it. Instead of staying two years, I stayed four and a half years and I have been back to visit twice. I always said and wrote that the students were the best that I had ever taught; that is why I stayed so long. Leila and I have five children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. I resigned in 2002 to return home to be with our extended family. If we didn't have this family to return to, we would have stayed on Saipan or Guam and lived out our lives. When we die we want to be cremated and have our ashes sprinkled off island near the two islands—Saipan and Guam—that we came to love so much. Yes, we live on the mainland but guess where our hearts are!

Franklin Keiper
via e-mail

SUBLIMINAL

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particular person, neighborhood, country or ethnic group because of images and words on the news, in magazines, or through conversations with others?

Third, subliminal messages are nothing more than advertising. Don't let anyone tell you that advertising does not work. You already know it does. Industries spend billions of dollars every year on advertising to get you to purchase their products. Millions are spent to determine the best colors to use, the best physical positioning of the product on the shelves, the type of fonts, what age and gender of actors, all for the purpose of influencing your behavior.

Words and Images

Yes, subliminal messages are simply words and images, and they work. All of our lives, we are affected by words that make an impact on our thoughts and beliefs, experiences that have a psychological effect on our self-esteem, images that affect our dreams, our fears, etc.

You do not need to debate anyone on the power of images, the persuasive power of words, or effectiveness of advertising....you already know they work! The world is one big subliminal ad campaign. Everything that you are consciously AND subconsciously exposed to in life makes an imprint on your mind, whether you consciously acknowledge it or not. Everything about you, the life you live, how much money you earn, what you think about yourself and of other people, is the sum total of all the words and images you've been exposed to throughout your life and up until this very moment.

And finally—and I'd like you to really think about this— if subliminal suggestion was not effective, it would not have been banned as an advertising technique by the NAB (National Association of Broadcasters) in 1958, or decried by the FCC (Federal Communications Commission) in 1974. You don't ban things that have no effect.

*[Note: As an aside, there's nothing inherently bad about subliminals. What's objectionable is when they are used to covertly affect our buying habits without our awareness, permission or consent] **

Applying the Technology

So how does this apply to you and your business? Well, what if you went through your entire life thinking "making money is difficult," starting my own business is hard," because of something someone told you when you were eight years old, what you witnessed around you in your family, from your own experiences, or from commonly-held stereotypes about people like you. How would those thoughts influence your behavior?

For many of us, these are the constant viewpoints, the subliminal and overt words and images you heard and saw over and over as you were growing up. You believed it. It became part of your soundtrack. It became your "self-talk." It's now your reality. And here's what scientists have discoverd: This self-talk doesn't even have to be true! It simply has to be repeated enough, to be believed. *(Politicians use this fact all the time to get the public to believe something they absolutely, positively know to be false. They simply repeat it often enough, and it becomes part of accepted truth.)*

This brings up an amazing possibility: If other people's subliminal, overt, intentional and even accidental words and images are affecting your behavior, then deliberately using subliminals can allow *you* to take control of your mind and influence your own behavior with *your own messages*. How? Let's take a look.

Consider this: successful business men and women don't walk around thinking "making money is hard," or "I'm no good at running my own business." They have different thoughts—words and images—as part of their self-talk. You know this.

And that is the secret to creating your own subliminals: find out what successful people's self talk is (whatever your definition of success is), and you'll discover which thoughts to choose as your own. *(i.e. There's hidden value in my passion. People pay for things of value. I can do this. I run a successful business. I make money doing what I love. Money comes to me easily, etc.)* Use these as your daily affirmations, program them into your screensaver, write and repeat them to yourself, over and over, visualize yourself in scenes of success, seek out books, movies, news stories, people and experiences that send a subliminal message of passion-centered business success. In other words, you can advertise to yourself! Change your thoughts, your beliefs, your expectations your actions, and ultimately, your results! Go for it! And don't let anyone persuade you it can't be done!

***Note**: For more tips on changing your subliminal programming, overcoming your fears, acting on your ideas, changing the game, and creating a passion-centered lifestyle, visit www.passionprofit.com!*

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Until next week, remember, success is a journey, not a destination!

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲87° ▼77°	▲89° ▼77°	▲89° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°

Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲86	▼76
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼78
Yap	Thundershowers	▲87	▼77
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲88	▼77
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲88	▼74
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲88	▼78
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼77

Around The Globe

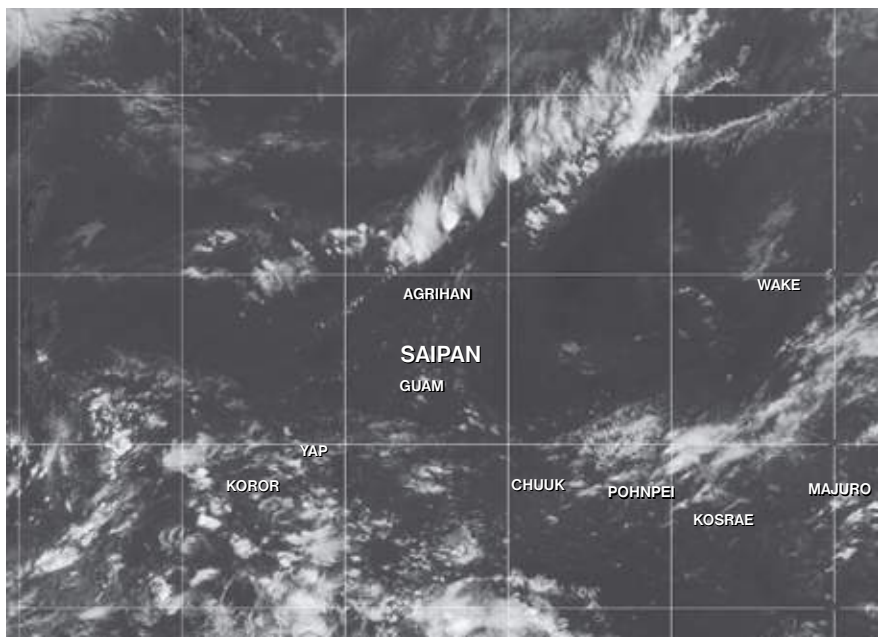
Auckland	Partly Sunny	▲65	▼57
Beijing	Cloudy	▲65	▼52
Hong Kong	Cloudy	▲86	▼77
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲82	▼74
London	Cloudy	▲52	▼43
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲90	▼56
Manila	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼76
Melbourne	Sunny	▲63	▼46
Miami	Showers	▲84	▼75
New York	Partly Sunny	▲52	▼40
Osaka	Cloudy	▲71	▼58
Paris	Partly Sunny	▲52	▼41
Pusan	Showers	▲71	▼59
Rome	Cloudy	▲71	▼59
Salem	Cloudy	▲65	▼45
San Francisco	Sunny	▲74	▼53
Seoul	Cloudy	▲72	▼54
Tokyo	Cloudy	▲70	▼58
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲57	▼40

Tides

Saipan Harbor

7:46AM Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet
3:34PM Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
9:07PM Today	Low Tide:	1.2 Feet

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2008
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A cold front extends southwestward from 25N150E to 22N140E then continues as a shear-line to beyond 130E at 20N. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found within 50 miles of the front. A surface trough extends northward from eq133E to 6N134E. Convergence near and to the east of the trough is generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms southeast of Koror and south of Yap between the equator and 7N from 137E to 140E. Trade-wind convergence is triggering scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms north of Kosrae between 6N and 10N from 160E to 164E and east of the Marshall Islands within 150 miles of a line extending eastward from 6N175E to beyond 180 at 6N.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:10AM	5:53 PM
Thursday	6:10AM	5:52 PM
Friday	6:11AM	5:52 PM
Saturday	6:11AM	5:51 PM
Sunday	6:11AM	5:51 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	12:00AM	1:14PM
Thursday	12:59AM	1:58PM
Friday	1:54AM	2:38PM
Saturday	2:47AM	3:16PM
Sunday	3:38AM	3:53PM

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2008

DEPARTURES

Saipan-Rota

CO9597	11:50am	12:25pm	1,7

Saipan-Guam

CO9317	4:00am	4:50am	Daily
CO9313	8:30am	9:20am	Daily
CO9597	11:50am	1:20pm	1,7 via Rota
CO9601	12:30pm	1:20pm	Daily
CO9603	3:30pm	4:20pm	Daily
CO9605	6:30pm	7:20pm	Daily
CO9599	9:30pm	10:20pm	Daily

Saipan-Narita

NW 099	5:00am	7:30am	Daily
NW 078	8:55am	2:00pm	Daily
NW 075	4:55pm	7:25pm	Daily

Saipan-Osaka

NW 083	4:20pm	6:55pm	Daily

Saipan-Nagoya

NW 078	8:55am	11:35am	Daily

Saipan-Seoul

OZ 604	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ 604	2:50am	6:30am	2,3,4,5,6,7
OZ 606	3:30pm	7:00pm	2,4,6,7

Saipan-Busan

OZ 608	3:50am	7:20am	1,5

Saipan-Shanghai

FM 844	3:15am	5:55am	2,6

Rota-Guam

CO 9597	12:50pm	1:20pm	1,7

Guam-Manila

CO 893	5:50pm	9:10pm	3,5 via Koror
CO 933	7:00pm	8:40pm	Daily
PR 111	6:00am	7:45am	1,2,4,6,7

ARRIVALS

Rota-Saipan

CO 9598	3:25am	4:00am	5,6

Guam-Saipan

CO 9316	2:30am	3:20am	Daily
CO9598	2:30am	4:00am	5,6 via Rota
CO9596	7:00am	7:50am	Daily
CO9600	10:20am	11:10am	Daily
CO9602	2:00pm	2:50pm	Daily
CO9604	5:00pm	5:50pm	Daily
CO9606	8:00pm	8:50pm	Daily

Narita-Saipan

NW 076	10:15am	2:50pm	Daily
NW 077	6:25pm	1:30am+1	Daily
NW 100	8:45pm	1:20am+1	Daily

Osaka-Saipan

NW 084	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily

Nagoya-Saipan

NW 077	9:00pm	1:30am+1	Daily

Seoul-Saipan

OZ 605	9:00am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ 603	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
OZ 603	8:10pm	1:30am+1	1,2,3,4,5,6

Busan-Saipan

OZ 607	9:30pm	2:50am+1	4,7

Shanghai-Saipan

FM 843	7:50pm	2:15am+1	1,5

Guam-Rota

CO 9598	2:30am	3:00am	5,6

Manila-Guam

CO 892	10:10pm	5:30am+1	3,5 via Koror
CO 934	10:55pm	4:30am+1	Daily
PR 110	10:20pm	4:00am+1	1,3,5,6,7

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FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota			
FRE 100	7:00am	7:30am	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 100	7:50am	8:20am	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 200	9:00am	9:30am	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 200	9:50am	10:15am	Daily
Guam-Rota			
FRE 300	4:00pm	4:30pm	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 300	4:50pm	5:25pm	Daily
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Business

Momentum building for new economy-boosting package

AP

President Bush speaks to reporters at the Central Louisiana Chamber of Commerce in Alexandria, La., Monday, Oct. 20, 2008.

WASHINGTON (AP)—Momentum is building for a fresh dose of economic stimulants to boost the country out of the doldrums—perhaps by putting more money in Americans' pockets. The White House said Monday that President Bush was open to some sort of action after Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke warned the slump could drag on without the extra bracing tonic.

On Wall Street, stocks bolted higher, with the Dow Jones industrials rising 413 points. There also were some new signs that credit conditions were thawing a bit.

The national economy, already wobbling, has been rocked by a trio of hard punches from the housing, credit and financial crises. With a recession widely seen as inevitable, if not already under way, the focus in Washington has shifted to the questions of how bad, how long and how to limit the pain.

There is increasing talk of a post-election special session calling Congress back to the Capitol. But urgency varies greatly according to whom you talk to—and when.

"We're continuing to have conversations with members of Congress, and we're open to ideas that they would put forward ... that would stimulate the economy and help us pull out of this downturn faster," White House press secretary Dana Perino said around noon Monday, shortly after Bernanke endorsed the need for a fresh and "significant" round of government action.

A couple of hours later, Bush seconded Perino's remarks, but he also said in a more optimistic tone: "I have heard that people's attitudes are beginning to change from a period of intense concerns—I would call it near panic—to being more relaxed." He commented after a closed meeting with business leaders in Alexandria, La.

If congressional leaders and Bush—who has been cool to more federal stimulus spending given already exploding budget deficits—were to hash out an acceptable package, it would require a special session after the Nov. 4 elections.

If an agreement can't be worked out, the effort probably would be taken up by the next Congress and the next president. Democrat Barack Obama has strongly advocated more government stimulus, while Republican John McCain is keeping his options open.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi of California and fellow congressional Democrats are pushing a package that could cost as much as $150 billion. Some economists, however, have advised them in recent days that to have a real impact, the total would have to be far larger, as much as $300 billion.

Oil rises to $75 as OPEC eyes production cut

SINGAPORE (AP)—Oil prices rose to above $75 a barrel Tuesday in Asia as investors expected OPEC to try to halt a three-month slide in prices by cutting production quotas at least 1 million barrels a day.

Light, sweet crude for November delivery rose 90 cents to $75.15 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange by midday in Singapore. The contract gained overnight $2.40 to settle at $74.25.

Prices closed as low as $69.85 a barrel last week, down 53 percent from a record $147.27 on July 11.

"It definitely looks like a cut is in the cards," said Victor Shum, an energy analyst at consultancy Purvin & Gertz in Singapore. "A cut of at least 1 million has been priced in. A cut much larger than 1 million could move prices higher."

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, which accounts for about 40 percent of global oil supply, plans to announce an output reduction at a meeting on Oct. 24 at its headquarters in Vienna, said the group's president, Chakib Khelil.

Khelil has said OPEC may cut output again at a meeting in December, and that the group considers the oil market oversupplied by about 2 million barrels a day.

Investors are also keeping a close eye on whether non-OPEC producers, such as Russia, will reduce supply as analysts lower price expectations for next year. Deutsche Bank on Monday cut its 2009 oil price forecast to $60 a barrel from $92 and predicted $57.50 for 2010.

"Producers are getting concerned about this downward spiral in pricing since the summer," Shum said. "Some governments have based their budgets higher than current prices."

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McCain would bring broad promises, quick temper

By NANCY BENAC
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

Editor's Note: One in a pair of stories on John McCain and Barack Obama exploring how the next president would govern. Second part will be published tomorrow.

WASHINGTON (AP)—A rabble-rouser from his earliest days, John McCain has never been one who likes to be told "no." There's no reason to think a President McCain would be any different.

McCain styles himself as a Teddy Roosevelt Republican, eager to be in the arena. If elected, he could be expected to pick certain issues and push them to the limit. Look for him to throw down the gauntlet in a few high-profile battles—vetoing legislation larded with pork-barrel projects, for example.

He's already promised to make an example of legislators who try to finagle government dollars for pet projects without thorough review, saying over and over, "You will know their names. I will make them famous."

He'd plant his feet firmly in resisting a timetable for withdrawal from Iraq. He'd try to give people new tax credits for health insurance and—in a first for a Republican president—move to deal aggressively with global warming even while opening more offshore waters to oil drilling.

But his my-way-or-the-highway approach would only take him so far, particularly when the nation's economic crisis is sure to limit maneuvering room for whoever becomes the nation's 44th president. And especially for McCain, since Democrats are likely to strengthen their majorities in the House and Senate come Election Day.

As a candidate, McCain has stressed his ability to work with congressional Democrats while standing up to those in his own party. There's no skill he'd need more if elected.

"He's going to have to truly be the maverick McCain who takes on his own party," said Darrell West, director of governance studies at the Brookings Institution, a think tank. "He will not be able to govern as a conservative Republican."

McCain's task would be further complicated by the conservative stances he adopted during the campaign season.

"If he compromises too much with the Democrats, he'll face a grass-roots rebellion from conservative activists who were always suspicious that McCain is not one of them," West said.

McCain talks boldly about what he could accomplish if voters put him to work at the Resolute Desk in the Oval Office.

Even in the face of the economic meltdown, he has continued to set high expectations.

Strengthening Social Security? "Look, it's not that hard to fix Social Security. It's just tough decisions."

Finding Osama bin Laden? "I'll get him no matter what, and I know how to do it."

Financial chaos? "The point is we can fix our economy."

What about the triple challenges of health care, energy policy and entitlement reforms? "We can do them all at once."

In short, he says, "We need to change the way government does almost everything."

McCain's good friend Sen. Lindsey Graham, a South Carolina Republican, envisions McCain using the presidency in a big way.

"Man, would we do a lot if he got to be president," Graham says. "He would push Congress to do things it should've done 20 years ago."

This is how McCain framed his mission when he announced his candidacy on April 25, 2007, in Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

"I'm not running for president to be somebody, but to do something; to do the hard but necessary things, not the easy and needless things."

For all that bullish talk, though, McCain knows he will have to display a measure of pragmatism.

Three times in recent weeks, for example, he has supported legislation allowing thousands of pork-barrel projects to go forward, rather than oppose bills that contained other important features such as the $700 billion financial rescue package.

And although neither candidate wants to talk about it, the financial crisis surely will narrow the next president's possibilities.

"This financial crisis may just have pulled the rug out from under any meaningful honeymoon, when a president tries to identify his top priorities and exploit the honeymoon period," said Steven Smith, a political science professor at Washington University in St. Louis. Instead, Smith said, "A major part of the next president's first State of the Union address will be how we proceed after getting through the first stages of this crisis. ... There are going to be pretty massive restraints on new initiatives."

ANALYSIS

Even McCain's promises to cut government spending would be tougher to fulfill because of the economic mess, Smith said, because "it doesn't make a lot of sense economically, when we might be headed into a recession, to radically reduce the federal deficit."

McCain himself has acknowledged that the economy is not his strong suit, meaning he'd have to rely heavily on his staff and Cabinet.

McCain is more comfortable dealing with foreign policy than domestic affairs, and he'd have a freer hand there. The former Vietnam prisoner of war, and son and grandson of admirals, eagerly claims the credentials to serve as commander in chief. He refuses to set a timetable for withdrawing U.S. troops from Iraq, and pledges unspecified troop increases in Afghanistan.

For all his years in the public eye, the 72-year-old McCain, a four-term senator, has had little in the way of executive experience, making it harder to predict his governing style.

Calvin Mackenzie, a Colby College professor who has written a paper about predicting presidential performance, says McCain could be expected to take a strong stand on a few symbolic issues and willingly delegate other major policy matters.

Despite McCain's many campaign promises, says Mackenzie, "I can see a presidency like Eisenhower's, a sort of senior statesman capping his career as president without much of an agenda to do anything and not pushing very far on policy initiatives."

Mackenzie predicts McCain would be afflicted with the same malady as Richard Nixon, who savored foreign policy but was less interested in the budget and other domestic matters, a disease known as MEGO, short for My Eyes Glaze Over.

"I think we'd see a lot of that with McCain," he said.

One thing that can be predicted with confidence is McCain's unpredictability—he's gone out of his way to do the unexpected.

"I can imagine McCain, on one issue or another, trying to come up with surprise agreements," says Smith. That could help McCain set the agenda in a way that makes it difficult for opponents to take it in a different direction.

McCain also can be sure to show at least flashes of his famous temper.

That can be used to dramatic effect, to underscore one's resolve. But it can also backfire.

"I think members of Congress won't like that style in the White House," said West. "That will make it more difficult for him to bargain and negotiate with members of Congress. I mean, they don't like getting yelled at."

And given McCain's advanced age, speculation would be strong from Day One about whether he'd seek re-election. That could portend an even more independent Senate, with lots of jockeying by potential presidential candidates for 2012.

Much has been made of McCain's selection of Sarah Palin as a running mate, and questions have been asked about her qualifications to serve as vice president.

Palin says she and McCain have identified three areas where she would take the lead: promoting energy independence, reform of government overall and working with families who have children with special needs. Those fit with Palin's background: As Alaska's governor, Palin has dealt with a variety of oil and gas issues, and has pushed for government reforms. She also has a six-month-old child, Trig, with Down Syndrome.

Smith envisions McCain working with Palin in a way that is akin to how the first President George H. W. Bush used Vice President Dan Quayle—delegating broad responsibility in a few specific areas rather than relying on the vice president to serve as an all-purpose adviser in the style of vice presidents Dick Cheney or Al Gore.

That means McCain could end up leaning more heavily on his secretaries of State and Defense. He has promised to include Democrats in his Cabinet, and his friend Sen. Joe Lieberman, a Democrat-turned-independent, also has been the subject of speculation for a Cabinet slot.

CAMPAIGN PROMISES

IRAQ-AFGHANISTAN

MCCAIN: Opposes scheduling a troop withdrawal from Iraq, saying latest strategy is succeeding. Promises to employ same strategy in Afghanistan, with unspecified boost in U.S. forces there. Willing to have permanent U.S. peacekeeping forces in Iraq.

OBAMA: Promises to complete the withdrawal of U.S. combat troops within 16 months of taking office. But hedges by saying this would require consultations with military commanders and, possibly, flexibility. Says he will use the drawdown to bolster U.S. troop presence in Afghanistan.

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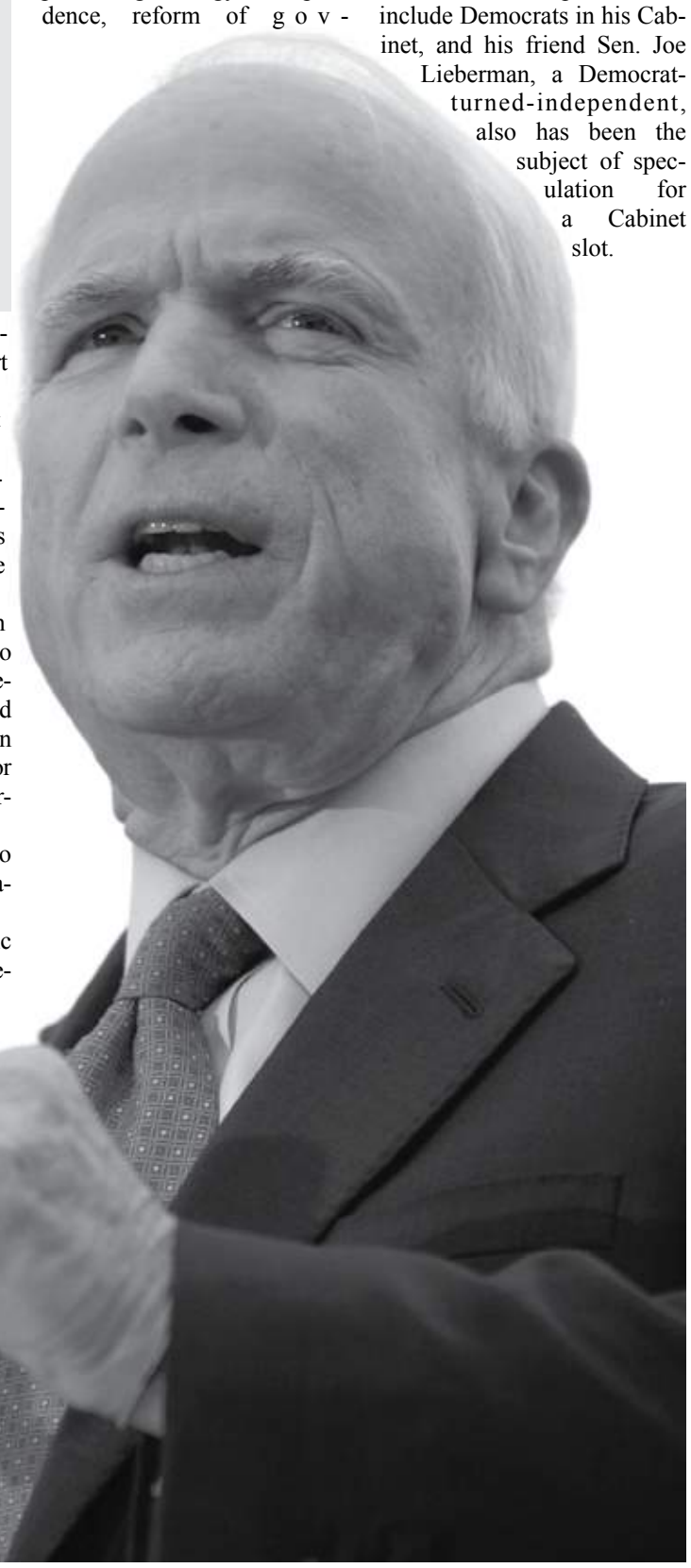
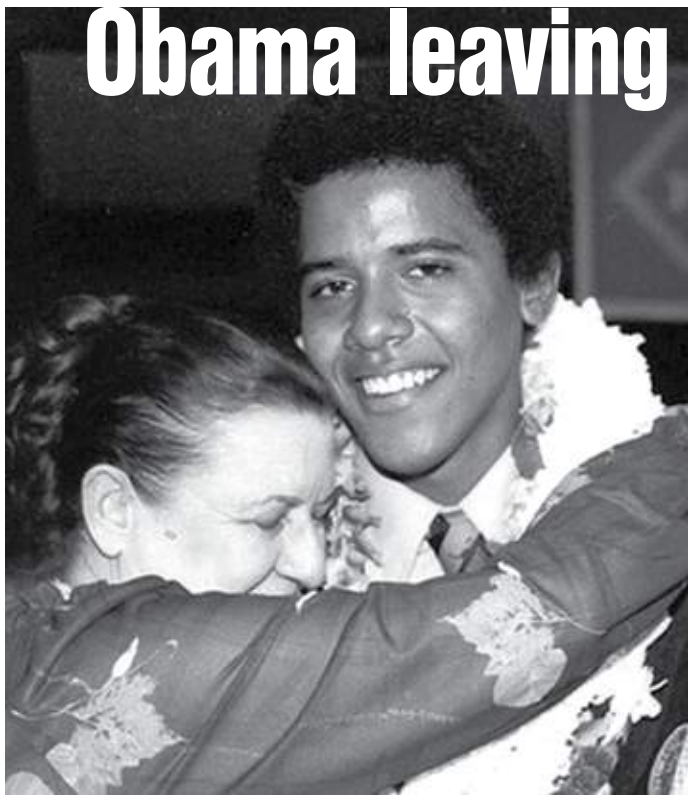


Republican presidential candidate Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., speaks at a rally at Heartland High School & Academy in Belton, Mo., Monday, Oct. 20, 2008. AP

Obama leaving campaign trail to visit grandmother



AP

This photo provided by the presidential campaign of Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., shows Obama in 1979 during his high school graduation in Hawaii with his grandmother Madelyn Lee Payne Dunham.

AMERICA VOTES

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP)—Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama is canceling nearly all his campaign events Thursday and Friday to visit his suddenly gravely ill 85-year-old grandmother in Hawaii, a spokesman said.

Robert Gibbs told reporters aboard Obama's plane that Madelyn Payne Dunham, who helped raise Obama, was released from the hospital late last week. But he said her health had deteriorated "to the point where her situation is very serious."

Events originally planned for Madison, Wis., and Des Moines, Iowa, on Thursday will be replaced by one in Indianapolis before he makes the long flight to Hawaii. On Friday, Obama's wife, Michelle, will sub for Obama at rallies in Akron and Columbus, in Ohio, said campaign spokeswoman Jen Psaki. Obama was expected to resume campaigning on Saturday, at an undecided location in the West, she said.

"Sen. Obama's grandmother, Madelyn Dunham, has always been one of the most important people in his life, along with his mother and his grandfather," Gibbs said. "Recently his grandmother has become ill and in the last few weeks her health has deteriorated to the point where her situation is very serious. It is for that reason that Sen. Obama has decided to change his schedule on Thursday and Friday so that he can see her and spend some time with her."

Citing the family's desire for privacy, Gibbs would not discuss the nature of Dunham's illness. It seemed likely that she was close to death, as Gibbs said that "everyone understands the decision that Sen. Obama is making." Dunham turns 86 on Sunday.

It could be a momentous one in his bid for the White House against Republican John McCain, with Election Day just two weeks away on Nov. 4.

In a campaign ad this year, Obama described his Dunham as the daughter of a Midwest oil company clerk who "taught me values straight from the Kansas heartland"—things like "accountability and self-reliance. Love of country. Working hard without making excuses. Treating your neighbor as you'd like to be treated."

She's also the "white grandmother" he referred to in a speech on race.

Obama recognized Dunham when he accepted the Democratic presidential nomination at the party's convention in Denver.

"She's the one who taught me about hard work. She's the one who put off buying a new car or a new dress for herself so that I could have a better life. She poured everything she had into me. And although she can no longer travel, I know that she's watching tonight, and that tonight is her night as well," he said.

Obama last visited Hawaii in August for a week's vacation after he had clinched the nomination.

Palin breaks with McCain on gay marriage amendment

NEW YORK (AP)—Republican vice presidential nominee Sarah Palin says she supports a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage, a break with John McCain who has said he believes states should be left to define what marriage is.

In an interview with Christian Broadcasting Network, the Alaska governor said she had voted in 1998 for a state amendment banning same sex marriage and hoped to see a federal ban on such unions.

"I have voted along with the vast majority of Alaskans who had the opportunity to vote to amend our Constitution defining marriage as between one man and one woman. I wish on a federal level that's where we would go. I don't support gay marriage," Palin said. She said she believed traditional marriage is the foundation for strong families.

McCain, an Arizona senator, is supporting a ballot initiative in his state this year that would ban gay marriage. But he has consistently and forcefully opposed a federal marriage amendment, saying it would usurp states' authority on such matters.

As governor, Palin vetoed a bill that would have denied benefits to the partners of gay state employees. In a debate with Democratic rival Joe Biden, Palin said she was "tolerant" of gays and said she supported certain legal protections for same-sex couples, like hospital visitation rights.

Biden, meanwhile, said during an appearance Monday on "The Ellen DeGeneres Show" that if he lived in California he would vote against a ballot measure that seeks to ban gay marriage. DeGeneres, who is gay and newly wed to actress Portia de Rossi, has urged Californians to reject Proposition 8.

"I think it's regressive," the Delaware senator said. "I think it's unfair, and so I vote 'no.'"

Biden added that he and Barack Obama, the Democratic presidential nominee, opposed a similar initiative nationally. In the debate with Palin, Biden said he supporters partnerships rights for gays and lesbians, although he also opposes same-sex marriage.

In the CBN interview, Palin also said she would speak out if she heard a supporter at a rally yell violent or threatening comments about Barack Obama, the Democratic presidential nominee.

Long lines form as early voting begins in Florida

MIAMI (AP)—Florida kicked off early voting on Monday, with record crowds heading to the polls and voters waiting hours to cast their ballots. Elections officials said the few reported problems were minor.

Final statewide numbers for ballots cast Monday won't be available until Tuesday, but counties large and small, traditionally Democrat and traditionally Republican, were reporting record turnout. The early voting sites will remain open two weeks until the weekend before Election Day.

"Lines are a sign of a healthy democracy, and certainly our democracy is healthy today," said Secretary of State Kurt Browning.

The Sunshine State is again key this election season, with a prize of 27 electoral votes—10 percent of the 270 needed to clinch the election. The state's disputed election in 2000 gave the presidency to George W. Bush, and he captured the state in 2004. This year, Republican John McCain and Democrat Barack Obama are locked in a close race.

Registration numbers released Sunday show a 600,000-voter edge for Democrats over Republicans in Florida: 4.7 million versus 4.1 million, with 2.1 million people identifying with neither party.

The McCain campaign acknowledged it expected more Democrats than Republicans to vote early, but says GOP voters have requested 295,000 absentee ballots statewide compared with 199,000 Democrats.

Underscoring how important the state is, Obama campaigned in Tampa, while former Democratic rival Hillary Rodham Clinton held an event for him in Fort Lauderdale. They planned to appear together at an evening rally in Orlando.

On the Republican side, Meghan McCain, the candidate's daughter, was meeting with voters in central Florida, and her father planned to visit later in the week.

Grandfather, woman held as witnesses in kidnapping

LAS VEGAS (AP)—A grandfather and a woman in California were ordered detained as witnesses Monday in the investigation of the kidnapping of a 6-year-old boy in Las Vegas, but little was disclosed about what information they may have.

Terri Leavy, 42, was taken into custody in California on Sunday, said FBI spokeswoman Laura Eimiller. She is believed to be the companion of Clemons Fred Tinnemeyer, the grandfather of the boy, Cole Puffinburger.

Authorities said Leavy was wanted on an outstanding federal material witness warrant.

U.S. Magistrate Oswald Parada late Monday ordered Leavy and Tinnemeyer turned over to the U.S. Marshals Service. Under a federal statute, they can be held for a "reasonable amount of time" until a deposition can be taken or they testify under oath.

Leavy and Tinnemeyer have not been charged in the case. Their attorney Joan Politeo declined to comment.

The warrants and affidavits in the case are under seal, said Natalie Collins, a spokeswoman for the U.S. attorney's office in Las Vegas.

Cole was dropped off in a Las Vegas neighborhood late Saturday and investigators have been speaking to him about what may have happened during his nearly four days in captivity.

Police have said his grandfather may have stolen millions of dollars from drug dealers, but they have declined to elaborate and haven't said whether the kidnappers sought a ransom.

Puffinburger

Messages left at a number believed to be for the Tinnemeyer home in Las Vegas were not returned.

Police said Monday they interviewed "several persons of interest" in hopes of gaining clues to the identity of gunmen who abducted the boy last week. Two gunmen posed as police officers, bound Cole's mother and her boyfriend, then took the boy last Wednesday, authorities have said.

The boy was dropped off Saturday night in a residential neighborhood near downtown Las Vegas and was noticed by a bus driver taking disabled passengers to their homes.

ACROSS THE NATION

Pa. woman ordered out of chemical-free 'bubble'

ALLENTOWN, Pa. (AP)—Ten hours a day, every day, Elizabeth Feudale-Bowes confines herself to a galvanized-steel-and-porcelain shed outside her house. Inside are a toilet, a metal cabinet, a box spring with the metal coils exposed, and a pile of organic cotton blankets. Aluminum foil covers the window. The place is as austere as a prison cell—but it's also her sanctuary from an outside world that she says makes her violently ill. She and her husband call the structure "the bubble." This bubble, though, may be about to burst: A judge has ordered it taken down by the end of the month. Some of the couple's neighbors in suburban South Whitehall Township complained that the 160-square-foot building is unstable and so unsightly it could drag down their property values. The couple also hooked up electrical, water and sewer service without securing permits. "For the wife's medical problems, there is sympathy. For the owner's defiance of the township's lawful directives, there is no excuse," Judge Carol McGinley ruled earlier this month. Feudale-Bowes, 52, says she was diagnosed several years ago with "environmental illness," described as extreme sensitivity to everyday substances.

Utah geologists discover 'dinosaur dance floor'

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—Utah geologists say they have discovered prehistoric animal tracks so densely packed on a 3/4-acre rock site, they're calling it a "dinosaur dance floor." The site along the Arizona-Utah border is offering a rich new set of clues about the lives of dinosaurs 190 million years ago. Back then, large stretches of the West were a Sahara-like desert. More than 1,000 tracks were found in what would have been a watery oasis nestled among towering, wind-whipped sand dunes. Those footprints could provide fodder for future researchers trying to understand dinosaurs that survived in what many considered a "vast, dry, uninhabitable desert," said Marjorie Chan, professor of geology at the University of Utah and one of the authors of a new study of the site. "Maybe it really wasn't as lifeless as we think," Chan said Monday. The discovery adds yet another site to the region's long list of dinosaur hot spots. The difference, though, is sheer numbers. Scientists estimate there are more than 1,000—and perhaps thousands—of tracks at the site, which is in a protected area of Vermilion Cliffs National Monument. In some places, there are a dozen footprints in a square yard. "It was a place that attracted a crowd, kind of like a dance floor," Chan said.

Fla. woman chooses to go jail over $7.45 bill

FORT PIERCE, Fla. (AP)—A woman decided to go to jail rather than pay her bill at a Fort Pierce Waffle House restaurant. The total she went to jail over: $7.45. According to a police report, Maryanne O'Neill, 66, ordered coffee and a sandwich at a Waffle House restaurant on Saturday but refused to pay the bill. The report said an officer asked her to pay or go to jail and she refused. A jail official said she was released Monday from the St. Lucie County Jail. She was charged with obtaining food or lodging with intent to defraud, a second degree misdemeanor. If convicted of a second degree misdemeanor she could face up to 60 days in jail and a fine of $500.

Asia

Taliban gunmen kill Christian aid worker in Kabul

AP

This is an undated handout image released Monday Oct. 20, 2008 by the charity SERVE Afghanistan, of aid worker Gayle Williams.

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—Taliban assailants on a motorbike gunned down a Christian aid worker in Kabul on Monday and the militants said she was killed for spreading her religion—a rare targeted killing of a Westerner in the nation's capital.

Gayle Williams, a 34-year-old dual British-South African national who helped handicapped Afghans, was shot to death as she was walking to work about 8 a.m., said Interior Ministry spokesman Zemeri Bashary.

A spokesman for the militants said the Taliban ordered her killed because she was accused of proselytizing.

"This woman came to Afghanistan to teach Christianity to the people of Afghanistan," Zabiullah Mujahid told The Associated Press. "Our (leaders) issued a decree to kill this woman."

Britain's secretary of state for international development called the killing a "callous and cowardly act" and said Williams was in Afghanistan to help ease poverty.

"To present her killing as a religious act is as despicable as it is absurd—it was cold blooded murder," Douglas Alexander said in a statement.

A spokeswoman for the aid group, SERVE—Serving Emergency Relief and Vocational Enterprises—said it is a Christian organization but denied it was involved in proselytizing.

"It's not the case that they preach, not at all," said the spokeswoman, Rina van der Ende. "They are here to do NGO (aid) work."

Afghanistan is a conservative Islamic nation. Proselytizing is prohibited by law, and other Christian missionaries or charities have faced severe hostility. Last year, 23 South Korean aid workers from a church group were taken hostage in southern Afghanistan. Two were killed and the rest were eventually released.

According to its Web site, SERVE is a Christian charity registered in Britain and has been working with Afghan refugees since 1980 in Pakistan.

China's economy feels chill from global crisis

SHANGHAI, China (AP)—The laid-off factory workers and slumping car sales indicated China's booming economy was not immune to the global meltdown. New figures confirm it: China's economy is still growing, but at the slowest pace in five years.

The National Statistics Bureau said Monday the economy expanded by just 9 percent in the third quarter, the slowest rate since 2003, when growth plummeted during the SARS outbreak. By comparison, the economy grew 10.6 percent in the first quarter and 10.1 percent in the second quarter of 2008.

The government is still drafting specifics of broad plans laid out over the weekend to help counter the chill on the world's fastest growing major economy.

Details were scant. But the direction of the policy shift is clear: after years of struggling to curb lending and control spending on construction projects, an easing in China's politically sensitive inflation rate has freed its leaders to once again loosen the reins.

China is seeing the voracious global appetite for its exports dry up as consumers in the U.S. and Europe cut back on spending in the wake of the mortgage-debt meltdown. The shift is a serious challenge for Beijing it struggle to keep job-creating growth on an even keel.

"With growth now clearly on a slowing path, we expect the government to roll out a combination of fiscal, monetary, and sector/structural measures to mitigate the external shock and help to keep growth from falling sharply," Wang Tao, an economist with UBS, said in a research note.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Court: Bali bombers may be killed by firing squad

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)—Indonesia's constitution does not prohibit death by firing squad, a top court ruled Tuesday, clearing the way for the execution of three men convicted in the 2002 Bali nightclub bombings. The nation's Constitutional Court dismissed the men's request for a traditional Islamic-style beheading and claims by their defense lawyers that being shot to death is less inhumane. "There is no method of execution without pain," said presiding Judge Mohammad Mahfud, outlining the decision. The defendant's suffering is a logical consequence of the death penalty under Indonesian law and "cannot be categorized as torturing the convict," the nine judge panel concluded. The October 2002 Bali nightclub bombings killed 202 people, 88 of them Australian tourists. Convicts Amrozi Nurhasyim, Ali Gufron and Imam Samudra have exhausted all appeals and are expected to be executed this year. They have shown no remorse and said their deaths would be avenged.

Thaksin legacy taints Thai politics

KOK LOI, Thailand (AP)—It's been two years since the ouster of Thailand's charismatic and controversial Thaksin Shinawatra. Yet amid the rice-growing villages of the country's heartland, the former prime minister's legacy lives on. A walk down the rutted roads of Kok Loi illustrates why Thaksin, despite facing a possible conviction on corruption charges Tuesday, remains a polarizing figure in Thai society and the central figure behind the country's deepening political crisis. Villagers point to the homes they built during Thaksin's tenure from 2001 to 2006, the refrigerators they bought, the general store they opened—all a result of the low-interest loans his government offered. "Thaksin was the savior of the poor," said Kamcham Pokasang, 68, a farmer from Kok Loi in the northeastern province of Buriram, where lush green paddies of jasmine rice stretch to the horizon. "Before Thaksin we had nothing, only rice fields. Thanks to Thaksin, my family now has everything."

World

Israel's Livni wants extension for coalition talks

JERUSALEM (AP)—Israel's president on Monday extended the deadline for Prime Minister-designate Tzipi Livni to form a parliamentary coalition, giving her two more weeks to establish a government or face the prospect of a new election.

The move by President Shimon Peres was largely a formality. But it highlighted the difficulties faced by Livni as she tries to create a stable government capable of realizing a far-reaching peace agreement with the Palestinians.

Livni was elected leader of the ruling Kadima party last month, giving her 28 days to put together a government. Unsuccessful after weeks of negotiations, she asked Peres for the two-week extension Monday.

"I believe that the responsibility I have undertaken, obligates me first and foremost, to attempt to form a government," she said, seated next to Peres at his official residence. She said she hoped the process would end as soon as possible.

Livni

Under Israeli law, if Livni does not muster a parliamentary majority in the next two weeks, the country will likely face early elections, more than a year ahead of schedule.

An early election could prevent Livni from becoming Israel's first female prime minister in more than 30 years and dash her primary objective of pursuing peace with Syria and the Palestinians. Opinion polls have indicated that the hawkish Likud party would sweep to power if new elections were held.

Kadima held its leadership race to choose a successor to Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, who is leaving office to battle corruption charges.

Livni is trying to keep Olmert's previous coalition intact.

She already has secured the backing of the left-of-center Labor party, after promising its leader, Ehud Barak, would serve as her top deputy. Barak has been angling for a more dominant role in peace talks with Syria and the Palestinians. She also is likely to keep the Pensioners party in the government.

Her main obstacle, however, remains securing the support of the ultra-Orthodox Shas party.

Helicopter-plane Osprey faring well in Iraq

ASAD AIR BASE, Iraq (AP)—After a troubled history, the V-22 Osprey—half-helicopter, half-plane—has been ferrying troops and equipment across Iraq for just over a year without a major incident.

Critics say the Osprey, which was designed to replace transport helicopters, lacks firepower for defense in heavy combat.

But pilots say the Osprey makes up for that in speed, which one of them says can take the plane "like a bat out of hell" to altitudes safe from small-arms fire.

Since arriving at this sprawling desert base in western Iraq, a dozen Ospreys have been ferrying troops and equipment at forward operating bases. One even took around Barack Obama during his tour of Iraq earlier this year.

But on only a handful of occasions has the aircraft faced any serious enemy fire.

Military officials say this is partly a result of the changing nature of the war in Iraq as well as the advantages the high-flying Osprey has over the Vietnam-era Sea Knight helicopters they will eventually replace. The Osprey also avoids day flights into Baghdad or other tasks that entail excessive risk.

"It's not the same World War II tactics that we used to deal with, or even Vietnam tactics," said Maj. Paul Kopacz, who led two Ospreys on a recent mission to Fallujah. "We have not been battle-tested because we aren't going guns blazing into hot zones. Our nation is now too sensitive to the loss of soldiers to let that happen."

The military calls the Osprey a "tilt-rotor" aircraft, because it takes off with its rotors set vertically like a helicopter and glides in the air with them thrust forward as on an airplane. The shift requires only a pull of the lever by the pilot.

The aircraft, which took over two decades to develop, has been plagued by a series of technical failures and deadly crashes—including a pair in quick succession in 2000 that killed 23 Marines and nearly scuttled the entire project.

WORLD BRIEFS

Mexico to deport Cubans heading illegally to US

MEXICO CITY (AP)—Mexico agreed Monday to deport Cubans who sneak illegally through Mexican territory to reach the U.S., a step toward cutting off an increasingly violent and heavily used human trafficking route. The agreement, signed by Cuban Foreign Minister Felipe Perez Roque and Mexican Foreign Secretary Patricia Espinosa, takes effect in one month. It also criticizes U.S. policy that generally allows Cubans who reach U.S. territory to stay, while turning back most caught at sea. Cuban migrants in recent years have increasingly headed for Mexico—often to the coast near Cancun—then overland to Texas because it has become so hard to dodge the U.S. Coast Guard and reach Florida to qualify for U.S. residency. The Department of Homeland Security said 11,126 used the Mexico route last year, compared to just 1,055 who landed in the Miami area.

Leader of Canada's opposition Liberal Party quits

TORONTO (AP)—The head of Canada's opposition Liberals announced Monday that he will step down after leading the once-dominant party to one of its worst ballot showings in last week's elections for Parliament. Stephane Dion said he would stay on as leader until his successor is chosen by the party, which isn't expected before the Liberals' convention next May. Deputy leader Michael Ignatieff and the party's foreign affairs spokesman, Bob Rae, a former Ontario premier, are expected to run for the leadership post. Both are more centrist than the left-leaning Dion. Seeking to unseat the governing Conservatives, Dion campaigned on what proved an unpopular environmental tax during slowing economic times and the Liberals suffered a drubbing, dropping to 76 seats in Parliament from 95. Prime Minister Stephen Harper's Conservative Party expanded its seats in winning re-election, although it again fell short of the 155-seat majority needed to rule without help from the opposition.

Iraq's National Museum could reopen after 2 years

BAGHDAD (AP)—Iraq's National Museum, which was looted after the U.S. captured Baghdad in 2003, will remain closed to the public for up to two more years until security in the capital is better, the director said Monday. Director Amira Eidan said that reopening the museum to the public must be the "very last step in Baghdad's journey to absolute normalcy." "If everything goes well and there are no unexpected developments, then it can reopen after between one and two years from now," Eidan told The Associated Press in an interview in her office at the museum. The museum, a treasure trove of artifacts from the Stone Age through the Babylonian, Assyrians and Islamic periods, fell victim to bands of armed thieves who smashed glass cases and stole—or sometimes destroyed—their contents.

Campus Life

41 GCA students make good marks in Math Court

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The school administration of Grace Christian Academy expressed appreciation to their students who joined the recently concluded Math Court on Oct. 4 at the Dandan Elementary School and Kagman High School.

"GCA congratulates and commends the organizers and coaches of the different schools. GCA teachers and administrators thank the parents for their support and patience," said GCA Principal Faith Dela Rosa as she released the list of the 41 students who did well in the event.

She said majority of GCA participants received awards in different categories.

All schools both private and public were represented.

The GCA students who made it to the winner's circle are the following:

FIRST GRADE
Tae Yong Kim –1st place, Number sense
Robert Hanrey Schorr –1st place, Number sense
Carl Andrei Batenga–2nd place, Number Sense
2nd place, Algebra
Clark Birmingham–3rd place, Number Sense
Jim Michael Ham–3rd place, Number Sense
Arvin Dayao–2nd place, Number Sense
3rd place, Algebra

SECOND GRADE
Alan Hinson – 1st place, Algebra
2nd place, Number Sense
Marcelo Masilungan – 2nd place, Number Sense
3rd place, Algebra
Seung Jae Kim –3rd place, Algebra
2nd place, Number Sense
Jolina Villanueva –2nd place, Number Sense
Jasmine Phan – 2nd place, Number Sense
Sherijean Dela Cruz – 2nd place, Algebra
Rachel Son – 2nd place, Number Sense

THIRD GRADE
Peter Camacho – 1st place, Number Sense
1st place, Algebra
Jay Lee – 5th place, Algebra
Franchesca Dalusung – 3rd place, Algebra
Stephen Eo – 1st place, Algebra
2nd place, Number Sense

FOURTH GRADE
Francis Joseph Dalusung – 1st place, Number Sense
Kyle Chua – 1st place, Algebra
Joseph Seo – 4th place, Number Sense

FIFTH GRADE
Neil Conti – 1st place, Number Sense
Ezra Cervera – 3rd place, Algebra
Angela Cruz – 3rd place, Algebra
Samuel Seo – 3rd place, Number Sense
Yeram Na – 3rd place, Number Sense
3rd place, Algebra

SIXTH GRADE
Yong Koo Kim – 1st place, Number Sense
Dong Ha Lee – 3rd place, Number Sense
San Ji – 4th place, Number Sense
2nd place, Algebra
Zuriel Chua – 3rd place, Algebra

SEVENTH GRADE
Yeong Jeong Kim –4th place, Number Sense
2nd place, Algebra
Katrina Cruz – 3rd place, Algebra

EIGHTH GRADE
Crystalline Cristobal – 5th place, Algebra
Janela Rivera – 3rd place, Number Sense
4th place, Algebra
Jimaela Ham – 3rd place, Algebra
Louise Liao – 4th place, Algebra
4th place, Number Sense

NINTH GRADE
Jae Kwang Oh – 2nd place, Algebra
Susan Kim – 2nd place, Algebra

TENTH GRADE
Maria Esmero – 1st place, Geometry
Alwyn Dimaano – 3rd place, Geometry
Ann Zhou – 3rd place, Geometry

ELEVENTH GRADE
Jo Hannah Cabrera – 3rd place, Geometry

TWELFTH GRADE
Keith Sablan – 1st place, Geometry
2nd place, Algebra

Golden Harvest Int'l School students reap medals in Math Court contest

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Students of the Golden Harvest International School pose with coordinator and trainer Aida M. Lim, trainer Bona Angeles, and principal Rose A. Tejada after the Math Court competition.

Golden Harvest International School again had a bountiful harvest during the Math Court competition held Saturday, Oct. 11, 2008, at Dandan Elementary School.

Below are the winners that brought home first, second, third, and fourth place honors.

NUMBERS SENSE
Advanced Kinder-5
1st Faith Bocago
1st Aldraine Galang
1st Holly Liban
2nd Aaron Esquivel
2nd Rahmae Awit
2nd Jordan Towai
3rd Renz Fauni
3rd Daphne Cruzat

1st Grade
1st Davean Gonzales

2nd Grade
1st Corin Mercado
2nd Alyanna Mercado
2nd En Ming Cacdac
2nd Gizelle Ivy Leong
2nd Alfie Madlambayan

3rd Grade
2nd Franchesca Fauni
2nd Emmanuel Cobacha
2nd Stephen Seth Alonzo

4th Grade
2nd Isa Belle Seman
2nd Tiffany Madlambayan

5th Grade
3rd Shekinah Grace Armea
3rd Riselle Iris Leong

ALGEBRA
Advanced Kinder-5
1st Daphne Cruzat
2nd Renz Fauni
2nd Rahmae Awit
3rd Aldraine Galang
3rd Holly Liban
3rd Aaron Esquivel

2nd Grade
1st Alyanna Mercado
1st Alfie Madlambayan
2nd En Ming Cacdac
2nd Fernand Ramos
3rd Corin Mercado

3rd Grade
1st Emmanuel Cobacha
3rd Franchesca Fauni
3rd Stephen Seth Alonzo

4th Grade
1st Tiffany Madlambayan
4th Isa Belle Seman

5th Grade
1st Shekinah Grace Armea
2nd Riselle Iris Leonga

Coordinator and trainor: Aida M. Lim
Trainor: Bona Angeles
Principal: Mrs. Rose A. Tejada

Green Meadow students shine in Math Court

Green Meadow School students did well in the recent Math Court competition, held at Dandan Elementary School on Oct. 11, 2008. The list of winners are:

NUMBER SENSE:
Kinder – 5
First Place: Christian Palattao
Second Place: Mikee Mame Mendoza
Third Place: Natalie Hirshbein & Jhanylin Cruz
Fourth Place: Kristina Crisostomo & Claire Marzan

First Grade
Third Place: Aaron Sean Ancheta
Jerique Reineer Suba
Kianna Joyce Valencia

Second Grade
First Place: Danielle Pineda
Second Place: Pionnah Gregorio
Angel Legaspi
Franchesca Del Pilar

Third Grade
First Place: Amelito Dalusong Jr.
Kathleen Trinidad
Monica Aira Usi
Third Place: Keandre Deseo

ALGEBRA
Kinder 5
First Place: Christian Palattao
Jhanilyn Cruz

Second Place: Natalie Hirshbein
Lester Satur

Third Place: Kristina Crisostimo
Claire Marzan

First Grade
First Place: Robin Agbayani
Kianna Joy Valencia
Aaron Sean Ancheta
Second Place: Jerique Reineer Suba

Third Place: Ronilo Paulo Cadag

Second Grade
Second Place: Danielle Pineda
Pionnah Gregorio
Franchesca Del Pilar

Third Grade
Second Place: Kathleen Trinidad
Monica Aira Usi

Fourth Place: Dayne Suba

Coaches: Sony G. Natividad
Jehan Mangahis
Leonor Marfil
Math Court Coordinator: Ms. Grace P. Rosete

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Students of Green Meadow School pose with their teachers and math coaches after their successful performance at the Math Court competition.

DANDAN PTA OFFICERS CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Dandan Elementary School welcomes its newest PTA officers. Standing from left to right, Ed Arriola Jr.-Vice President; Martha Kintol, Vice Principal; Martha Mendiola, Secretary; Tess Camacho, Treasurer; Vincent Torres, President; and Jonas Barcinas, Principal.

Life & Style

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The Meguro-Wataya nuptials

Mr. and Mrs. Meguro get ready to hop into the "Just Married" mobil.

Newlyweds Meguro Yuji and Wataya Ayumi greet their guests at their wedding reception at Gentle Brook Café.

Mr. and Mrs. Meguro kiss.

Big Boys' signature pink stretched Lincoln brought the newlyweds from where they exchanged vows in Hyatt Regency Saipan to Gentle Brook Café where the reception was held.

The newlyweds cut the cake.

Congratulations go out to Meguro Yuji and Wataya Ayumi who were married last Thursday in a wedding ceremony at the Hyatt Regency Saipan.

The new Mr. and Mrs. Meguro exchanged vows on Saipan through a wedding package arranged by the Japan Travel Bureau.

Tasi Tours president Kazusuke Fukuju said his company has been trying to invite couples in Japan to get married on Saipan and the Meguro-Wataya union is the first of what hopefully will become a trend of Japanese weddings on the island.

"Tasi Tours is trying to introduce different locations aside from the usual garden wedding in different hotels. We even try to plan holding ceremonies in Managaha Island just for a change. And also to give them more satisfaction, we would like to make this easy for the family as well by assisting them in automatically registering their marriage to the Japanese government," he said.

After the ceremony, the newlyweds hopped into one of Big Boys' signature pink stretched Lincolns and drove to Gentle Brook Cafe in Susupe for their wedding reception.

"I would like to convey my warm congratulations to newlyweds Yuji and Ayumi and also to their families. I appreciate and I'm so happy that you decided to get married on this beautiful island. I hope that you feel the real spirit of the islands on this very special occasion in your life. And likewise will convince more couple to do their weddings here on Saipan as well," said Fukuju, who also serves on the board of the Marianas Visitors Authority.

Above left, the wedding cake courtesy of Herman's Bakery.

Above, the bridesmaid wishes the couple a happy life together.

Far left, Gentle Brook Café served as the perfect venue for the Japanese newlyweds' reception.

Left, flower girls Julia Yasuda and Danielle Rane smile for the camera.

Arkansas TV anchorwoman attacked in home

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP)—A popular local TV anchorwoman who had a small part in the Bush biopic "W" was in critical condition Monday after being beaten in her home. Police questioned whether she could have been targeted.

KATV anchor Anne Pressly, 26, was found about 4:30 a.m. Monday - a half-hour before she was due to appear on the station's "Daybreak" program. Pressly's mother went to the anchorwoman's house when she didn't answer a wake-up call, Little Rock police spokeswoman Cassandra Davis said.

Asked whether Pressly may have been targeted because of her job, Davis said officers were talking to station employees to determine whether she "has had any problems." Davis would not discuss specifics.

"(It) is possible that it is something other than robbery," Davis said. "Our detectives are talking with co-workers because she was a public figure, because she was on the news, in the media."

In a statement, KATV president and general manager Dale Nicholson said the anchor "is a person who simply lights up the room, by just walking in.

"The KATV family is having to deal with a personal crisis in our lives with the senseless brutality last night to one of our Daybreak anchors, Anne Pressly," Nicholson said. "I know her viewers will join her family as well as the KATV family in praying for a speedy recovery for Anne, who means so much to all of our staff."

Pressly was found unresponsive in her bed and a police report said she was bleeding from her head. Davis said Pressly was in critical condition at a hospital.

Davis said Pressly was stabbed, but KATV cited investigators later in reporting that all of her injuries were from being beaten in the head and upper body.

Pressly appeared briefly in Oliver Stone's new movie about President Bush that opened over the weekend.

She portrays a conservative commentator who speaks favorably of President Bush's "Mission Accomplished" event on an aircraft carrier shortly after the start of the Iraq war. She won the role after being noticed by the casting director when she went to Shreveport, La., where the movie was filmed, to work on a story about it and the city's film industry.

Spokeswoman Kate Hubin for the film company Lionsgate confirmed Pressly's role but declined to comment further.

KATV's Web site notes that Pressly's most notable interview was with Vice President Dick Cheney. Traveling through an Arkansas town, she found the highway blocked in front of a hunting goods store because Cheney was inside. Pressly asked for an interview, which she conducted on the ammunition aisle.

Early Monday afternoon, a man answering a phone number for Pressly's mother, Patricia Cannady, said the family had no comment.

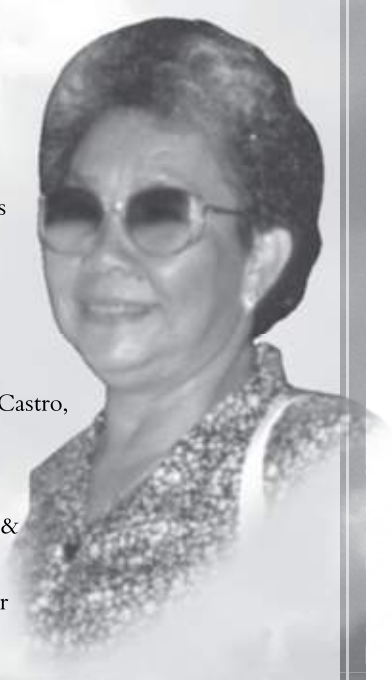
In this photo released by KATV Television Monday, Oct. 20, 2008, news anchor Anne Pressly, 26, is shown in a June 26, 2008, photo in Little Rock, Ark.

AP

In Celebration of Her New Life

†Maximina Reyes Flores

Affectionately known as
"Max"
Of Saipan, was called to her Eternal Life on
October 15, 2008 (Wednesday) at the age of 70.



Predeceased by
Parents: †Vicente Cruz Reyes & †Maria Guzman San Nicolas
Father & Mother In-Law: †Joaquin Aguon Flores
&† Yerma Bruggemann & †Antonia Camacho Borja

Brothers & Sisters In-Law:
†Joaquin & †Juana Reyes, †Benbinido & †Vicenta Reyes,
†Prudencio & †Delgadina Reyes, †Jose & †Catalina Reyes,
†Mariano & †Beatrice Reyes, †Luis & †Antonia Reyes,
†Ursula Reyes, †Estefania & †Tobias Muna, †Ana R. & †Jose Castro,
†Remedio R. & Ignacio Dela Cruz

Sisters & Brothers In-Law:
†Dolores & †Manuel Reyes, †Teresa Flores, †Federico
Francisco & †Rosalia Flores, †Angelina & †Antonio Camacho &
†Vicente Borja, †Maria & †Francisco Borja, †Elizabeth &
†Manuel Camacho, †Victoria Flores, †Benjamin &
†Magdalena Flores, †Leonardo Flores, †Cecilia & †Jesus Boyer

Her memory will live forever in the hearts of her:

Husband: **Eduardo Bruggemann Flores**
Children & Families:
Lydia F. & Arthur Santos & Children
Edwin F. & Ellen Barcinas & Children
Rebecca F. & Henry Pangelinan & Children
Edward F. & Maryann Agulto & Children
Fermin F. & Sophie Dela Cruz & Children
Alfred F. & Elihsa Wenio & Children
Janet F. & Juan Torres & Children
Anthony F. & Ramona Sablan & Children

Reared Son/Family: James P. & Maryann P. Reyes & Children

Brothers & In-Laws: Donicio & Rosa Reyes
Alfonso & Anuncia Reyes

Sisters & Brothers In-Law:
Estefania F. & †Vicente Camacho
Fermin F. & Rosalia Borja
Augustin F. & Carmen Tudela
Susana Reyes & †Mariano Mendiola
Magdalena F. & Vicente Santos
Baldobino F. & Andresina Torres & Bessie
Rosa Flores
Isabel F. & Maximo Tudela
Marino Flores
Joaquin F. & Rosita Perez

She is additionally survived by numerous Great Grand Children, Cousins, Nieces, Nephews and God-children

Daily mass is being offered at 6:00am and nightly rosary is being prayed at 7:00pm at San Jose Church in San Jose. On Thursday, October 23, 2008, her remains will be escorted from Borja Funeral Home at 7:30am to Mt. Carmel Cathedral. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00am. Burial will follow at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Please Join Us In Prayers
Dangkulu Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase!

Eduardo B. Flores and Children

US urges no leniency for Hathaway's ex

NEW YORK (AP)—Prosecutors said Monday they were surprised the former boyfriend of actress Anne Hathaway sent a judge a photo of himself and the pope while seeking leniency for cheating investors of millions of dollars by claiming he could buy Catholic Church property on the cheap.

They urged the judge Thursday to impose the more than four years in prison that Raffaello Follieri agreed to when he entered a guilty plea last month rather than the three years his defense lawyers requested in a recent submission of their own.

The prosecutors said Follieri included pictures of the pope and other clergymen even though his claims of Vatican ties were the foundation of his fraud.

"This is surprising because Follieri used these same photographs and connections in order to defraud investors and now seeks to use them in an effort to obtain a reduced sentence," they said.

Follieri

Follieri, 30, last month pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit wire fraud and money laundering and agreed to forfeit $2.4 million.

Prosecutors said Follieri betrayed and hurt numerous friends and business associates as he "committed crimes out of greed and a desire to live a lifestyle like the rich and famous."

Follieri used several million dollars from investors to travel the world on private planes, spending thousands of dollars on food, wine, hotels, yacht rentals, flowers, cosmetics, clothes, wine, expensive dinners, dog walking services and personal vacations for himself, his girlfriend and his parents, the government said.

He spent another $37,000 per month for a luxury Manhattan condo. As part of his plea, Follieri agreed to forfeit any interest in 50 expensive watches and other jewelry.

Asked during a recent appearance on CBS' "Late Show with David Letterman" what she carried away from her four-year relationship with Follieri, Hathaway said she kept their dog.

Andrew Lloyd Webber accepts Eurovision challenge

LONDON (AP)—A man of many triumphs in British theater is wading into an arena of repeated British failure.

Andrew Lloyd Webber, the composer of "Cats" and "Evita," has volunteered to write Britain's song for the Eurovision Song Contest when the competition is held in Moscow next year.

In a message posted Monday on a BBC Web site, Lloyd Webber called for volunteers to sing his song, while managing to suggest that he, like many fellow citizens, doesn't take the competition very seriously.

"People of Britain: I'm here to speak to you about a subject of considerable gravity, a subject that affects each and every one of us," the composer solemnly intoned. "I refer, of course, to our great nation's continued failure in the Eurovision Song Contest.

"The BBC have asked me to unite our kingdom in a quest to bring home the Eurovision crown once more. I have been asked to write the song, but where will I be unless one of you volunteer to sing it?

"So ask not what your country can do for you, but what you could do for your country by contacting our Web site. There comes a time when everyone must do their duty. Your country needs you. Thank you and good evening."

Jury selection begins for Phil Spector retrial

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Jury selection began Monday for the murder retrial of music producer Phil Spector, who is accused of killing actress Lana Clarkson at his mansion five years ago.

About 80 prospects reported to court and an initial group of 18 was chosen for questioning by lawyers later in the day.

Superior Court Judge Larry Paul Fidler asked the nine men and nine women if they can be fair and impartial and follow his instructions.

"What we do not want ... is people with an agenda," Fidler told jurors.

One woman gave a long pause about whether she could sit on a jury, before revealing her son had been murdered several years ago. A middle-age man said he might have trouble being objective, considering someone of Spector's stature is on trial.

"I feel that certain celebrities may have an advantage in the sort of defense attorneys they can choose and afford versus someone who cannot," the man said.

Spector is charged with second-degree murder in the 2003 death of Lana Clarkson. The 40-year-old actress died of a gunshot through the mouth while sitting in the foyer of his Alhambra mansion.

Paltrow: I'm helping Madonna over split

LONDON (AP)—Gwyneth Paltrow is helping her friend Madonna through breakup of her marriage.

The actress told reporters that she's supporting the pop star following Wednesday's announcement that she's separated from filmmaker-husband Guy Ritchie.

"She's a very good friend. I'm supporting her in all the ways that I can. I'm just there for her. I speak to her a lot," Paltrow said as she attended the premiere of her film "Two Lovers" at London's Film Festival.

Like Madonna, Paltrow—who's married to Coldplay singer Chris Martin—lives partly in London.

Madonna and Ritchie, who were married at a Scottish castle in December 2000, have two children: Rocco, 8, and David Banda, 3, who was adopted in Malawi in 2006. Madonna also has a 12-year-old daughter, Lourdes, from a previous relationship.

Madonna's publicist said Sunday that details of a divorce settlement are yet to be finalized, dismissing reports that the couple had agreed to a custody arrangement for the couple's children.

The couple own homes in London, Los Angeles and New York, and a 1,200-acre retreat in Wiltshire, England.

AP

U.S. actress Gwyneth Paltrow arrives for The Times BFI London Film Festival screening of 'Two Lovers' in London, Monday, Oct. 20, 2008.

Giant robots are coming to Singapore, Hollywood

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Giant robots are heading for Hollywood and Singapore.

A new theme-park ride based on the hit movie "Transformers" is being developed for Universal Studios, the company announced Monday. The new rides, scheduled to debut in 2011, incorporate robotics and 3-D, high-definition technology.

Hasbro Inc. and DreamWorks Pictures are helping to create the new ride, and "Transformers" director Michael Bay and producer Steven Spielberg will consult on its development, said Tom Williams, chairman and chief executive of Universal Parks & Resorts.

The ride, like the film, shows humans caught in an intergalactic war between armies of giant robots that can change into cars, planes and other technological creations.

No verdict reached yet in Spears trial

AP

In this Sept. 7, 2008 file photo, Britney Spears is seen at the 2008 MTV Video Music Awards held at Paramount Pictures Studio Lot in Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A second day of deliberations ended without a verdict Monday in Britney Spears' driving-without-a-license case.

Jurors left for the day after saying earlier that they were hopelessly deadlocked. A foreman said they had voted three times since Friday, and each time failed to reach an unanimous conclusion. The three votes were all 10 to 2, the foreman said without indicating which way.

The jurors appeared glum after lunch, with many on the panel telling Superior Court Judge James A. Steele that they didn't think an agreement could be reached.

Steele questioned whether more could be done to encourage discussion or reach a verdict.

"I think with each return to the assembly room, everyone becomes more entrenched in their position," the foreman replied.

The judge told the group to deliberate for 20 more minutes and take a fourth vote. The jury never returned to court, but instead asked for a reading of testimony by Spears' father, Jamie.

Jurors have spent about six hours deliberating so far. They resume their deliberations Tuesday morning.

The panel posed at least three questions throughout the day, including a clarification of the charges and what Spears had done to be charged.

There was no mention during the trial of the accident that led to the charges, as agreed by the defense and prosecution attorneys.

That gap led to the jury's other question: "Why was she stopped in the first place?"

Steele responded by reading sections of the California vehicle code to them and reminding jurors that they could only consider evidence introduced during the trial.

Spears hasn't appeared in court and didn't testify during the trial. She faces up to six months in jail and a fine if convicted.

Accused album leaker pleads not guilty

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A blogger accused of leaking songs from the long-delayed Guns N' Roses album "Chinese Democracy" has pleaded not guilty to violating federal copyright laws.

Kevin Cogill appeared Monday morning in federal court in Los Angeles and entered the plea. Federal authorities say Cogill posted nine unreleased Guns N' Roses songs on his Web site in June. The songs were later removed.

The album has been 10 years in the making.

If convicted, Cogill faces up to three years in prison—possibly more if prosecutors prove the 27-year-old did it for financial gain.

Lil Wayne helper says he saw pot, gun on tour bus

NEW YORK (AP)—Lil Wayne's assistant says he occasionally saw a handgun and people smoking marijuana on the award-winning rapper's tour bus.

But Terry Bourgeois also testified Monday he never saw Lil Wayne with a gun and didn't know whether one was on the bus in July 2007 when the 26-year-old rapper was arrested in Manhattan on gun charges.

A police officer testified last month she boarded Lil Wayne's bus after a concert because she smelled marijuana. She said that while on the bus she saw him try to hide a gun.

Defense lawyer Stacey Richman wants the charges dismissed. She says police falsely claimed they smelled marijuana so they could illegally board the bus.

The rapper (real name: Dwayne Carter) has pleaded not guilty and is free on $70,000 bail.

Wife's tight-fisted money policy puts man in a bind

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
FROM UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: I am in my 70s, on Social Security and in my second marriage. My wife, "Irene," is in her early 50s and holds a good job. She also holds the purse strings, and allows me $5 a week for coffee with my friends. I drive a little scooter, and Irene has given me a gas credit card so I can get around.

Last week, I told her that I need some underwear and asked her for her store credit card. She said she has a drawer full of nylon panties and that I should wear them instead. She said when they are worn out she will buy me some new men's underwear. She also said she didn't want to waste any money on me since the panties are still wearable.

What if someone finds out? Irene says that since I'm over 70 it doesn't matter. Do you think this is right?

PREFERS BRIEFS

DEAR PREFERS BRIEFS: No, I do not think it is right. Regardless of your age, your feelings matter a great deal. You should wear underwear in which you feel comfortable without having to worry about anyone "finding out."

Because your wife is so tight-fisted, please consider finding a part-time job so you will have spending money of your own. Your wife may be the wage earner in the family, but that doesn't mean she should be the only one "wearing the pants."

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DEAR ABBY: Yesterday I ordered a taco salad and an iced tea at a popular fast food restaurant. I sat down and proceeded to eat when I noticed a couple sitting on one side of a table. Neither of them was skinny. Another couple joined them, and the women began staring at me.

I am 55 years old and 250 pounds. They were over 35 and plus-sized themselves. They may have been thinking my meal was inappropriate because of my size, but they were no different from me. I packed up my food and ate in my car. Was there a better solution?

SALAD LOVER IN OHIO

DEAR SALAD LOVER: Yes, you should have remained at your table and enjoyed your meal. The people at the next table were in that fast food restaurant for the same reason you were.

Some folks stare because there is a lull in the conversation and they have zoned out. If you were certain they were looking AT you instead of THROUGH you, another way to have handled it would have been to have made eye contact, smiled and said, "Do I know you?"

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DEAR ABBY: I helped raise my husband's son, "Scott," from the age of 9 to his present age of 19. I devoted my energy, love, money and time to all his activities, while his own mother sat by and did next to nothing to participate in any of it.

Scott has now become "best friends" with his mom, and I am all but forgotten. The way he treats me now, you would have thought that I'd beaten him with a stick. If I had it to do over again, I would never have stepped into that family situation.

Thank goodness Scott has moved out. His dad and I are having the time of our lives. I hope there is a special place in heaven for good stepmoms, because I have gotten no credit at all.

IGNORED IN OREGON

DEAR IGNORED: I know you feel hurt and angry right now, but the story isn't over yet. Regardless of how little your husband's ex gave to their son, she is still Scott's mother. You have been a generous and loving friend to that young man, and I am sure your husband loves you all the more for your caring heart.

So enjoy your second honeymoon and realize that Scott still has some growing up to do. This will probably sort itself out. But if it doesn't, you will be able to go forward knowing you did the right thing and so will the man you love.

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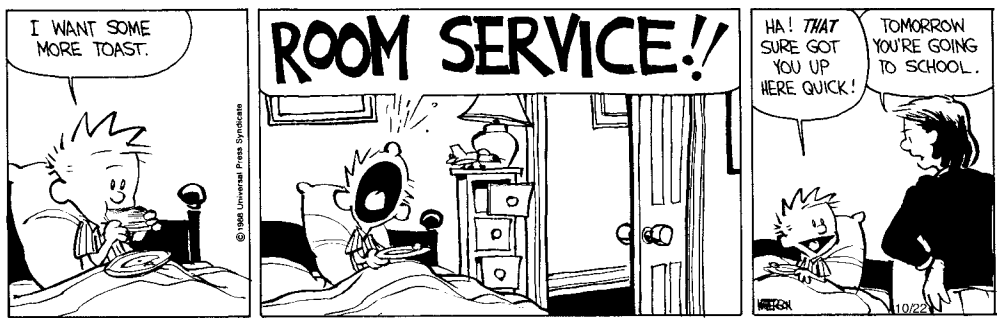
Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson



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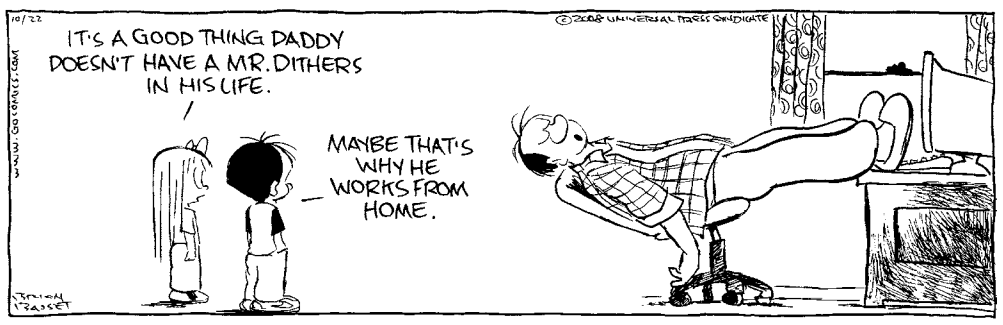

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Lawn moisture
4 Away from ENE
7 Pop flavor
8 First sign of spring?
10 Rags-to-riches author
11 Mythical sailor
13 One of a bridal quartet
16 Hot tub
17 Bet both ways
18 Chaps
19 Extra
20 They're often connected
21 Wed, commercially
23 Maestro Walter
25 Prohibits
26 Become a member
27 Italian article
28 Disdain
30 Evergreen type
33 A real humdinger
36 Copies, for short
37 Stern or Hayes
38 Minimum
39 Gripes constantly
40 Ram's mate
41 Astronaut Grissom

DOWN

1 Definitive tenet
2 Gen. Robert —
3 Tusked African beast
4 Squeeze
5 Burn slightly
6 "Dragnet" star
7 Hoofbeat sound
8 Remark to the audience
9 Fish that goes upstream
10 Donkey
12 Because of
14 Command to Rover
15 Type measures
19 "— Robinson"
20 Bradstreet's partner
21 Estate home
22 Body's hardest substance
23 "— Free"
24 Tinnitus effect
25 Schoolkids' carrier
26 Supporting beam
28 Soda-shop item
29 Selected
30 U.N. display
31 "... — handsome does"
32 Fun and games
34 Duel tool
35 Jacob's brother

Solution time: 21 mins.

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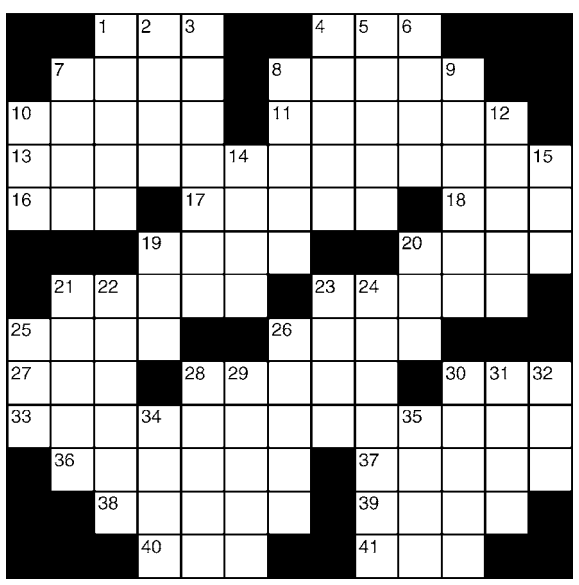
Yesterday's answer 10-22



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Happy Birthday: Not everyone will agree with you this year but, if you can satisfy your own needs, success will follow. Anger will not solve the problem—walk away rather than fight. Don't be fooled by someone who is a good talker. Make sure what you are being told is fact. Your numbers are 4, 12, 17, 26, 29, 33, 41

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Put everything else aside and make time for the ones you love. Relationships should be a top priority and discussions that will help improve your current situation, a must. A new set of rules can be enforced. ✪✪✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Don't allow friends to entice you to put work aside to join their fun. You'll be in a good position when everyone else is scrambling. Don't fall short of your goals because you give in to temptation. ✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Take a chance and follow through on something that is very unlike you. A draw towards someone who motivates you to try new things will lead to an interesting proposition. Don't ignore suggestions. ✪✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Take the initiative to change what needs to be fixed. As long as you are quick to respond, you will also make a positive impression. Children, parents and your lover will be pleased with what you do around the house. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Don't give in to bullying. If your decisions won't coincide with others', it will still be OK for you. Love is in the stars, so seize the moment and make plans to entertain the person with whom you want to spend more time. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Secrets will lead to problems with friends, relatives and neighbors. Keep things out in the open if you want to be able to move ahead without interference. Controlling anger and sticking to the truth will be what saves the day. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): You can make some vital changes that will help you win over someone important to your success. Your technique, talent and appreciation of what others can do will enable you to make a unique contribution to a cause you believe in. ✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Travel will lead to emotional setbacks and delays. Instead, help others from a distance. Don't let anyone take advantage of your skills -^ if you do something for someone, be sure to ask for something in return. ✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): You'll be up for some excitement. Get ready to change your game plan at short notice. Emotional troubles will escalate if you try to solve them now. Back away, giving everyone the time to think matters through. ✪✪✪✪✪

CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): If a deal crosses your path and you feel good about it, take it on. There is money to be made and a change approaching within your professional reach. Say little, observe and prepare to take over. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): You'll be torn between what you want to do and what you feel obliged to do. Use your imagination and you should be able to please everyone with a plan. There is a chance that money will find its way into your pocket if you simply ask for it. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Give whatever you are working on or trying to get off the ground one last push. If you are truly in the right, others will give you the benefit of a doubt and allow you to move ahead. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are aggressive, relentless and tough. You are a crusader and reformer—an advocate of honesty and fair play. You aren't afraid to use unorthodox methods to get what you want.

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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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/s/ **MICHAEL A. WHITE**
Auctioneer

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

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Cassel, Morris lead Pats to 41-7 win over Broncos

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP)—The New England Patriots finally dominated the way they did when Tom Brady was playing. Matt Cassel threw three touchdown passes in his best game since taking over for the injured quarterback, Sammy Morris rushed for 138 yards and New England routed the Denver Broncos 41-7 Monday night.

Randy Moss caught two touchdown passes, doubling his total for the season but far short of his NFL record of 23 last season.

New England (4-2) forced five turnovers and finished with 257 yards rushing.

For one night, at least, the post-Brady blues were shoved aside by a complete performance.

"The main focus was to really play a complimentary game," Moss said, "special teams, offense and defense. And I think we did that tonight.

"When we put all three of those things together, this team is very, very scary."

New England led 20-0 at halftime and 34-0 before Jay Cutler connected with former Patriots tight end Daniel Graham for a 10-yard touchdown pass with 13:21 left in the game.

Then rookie BenJarvus Green-Ellis finished the scoring with his first touchdown on a 1-yard run.

Cassel was sacked six times and the Patriots lost Morris and safety Rodney Harrison to knee injuries. But they still posted an easy victory over Denver (4-3), which had won five of its last six games at New England.

AP

New England Patriots quarterback Matt Cassel (16) hands off to running back Sammy Morris during the first quarter of an NFL football game against the Denver Broncos, Monday, Oct. 20, 2008, in Foxborough, Mass.

The Broncos lost for the third time in four games and brothers Boss and Champ Bailey went down with injuries in the first half. Linebacker Boss Bailey hurt his knee and cornerback Champ Bailey injured his groin.

Cutler missed the final series of the half with a finger injury but returned for Denver's first possession of the third quarter. He appeared to be hurt on the first play after the opening kickoff when he hit his throwing hand on the helmet of tackle Vince Wilfork on a pass that sailed wide.

Cutler, third in the NFL in yards passing entering the game, was 17-for-26 for 168 yards, one touchdown and two interceptions. Cassel, who took over when Brady suffered a season-ending knee injury in the opener, finished 18-for-24 for 185 yards. The three touchdowns matched his total for the first five games.

"I'd like to think that I continue to grow each and every week," Cassel said. "The more you run this offense, the more comfortable you become."

The Broncos entered with the worst pass defense in the NFL and Cassel exploited it with touchdown passes of 13 and 27 yards to Moss and a 6-yarder to Wes Welker that made it 34-0 late in the third quarter.

But the Patriots really ripped through the Broncos with their running game. With Laurence Maroney and LaMont Jordan both sidelined, Morris beat his career high for yards on just 16 carries, including a 4-yard score, all in the first half.

Green-Ellis took over after that and rushed for 65 yards on 13 carries.

"Oh, goodness," Cassel said. "If we run the ball like that, we'll be in good hands."

Stephen Gostkowski kicked first-half field goals of 31 and 40 yards after backup running back Andre Hall fumbled on his only two carries of the game. LeKevin Smith recovered the first fumble after Denver went from its 27-yard line to New England's 32 on the first series of the game. Rookie linebacker Jerod Mayo recovered the second.

The Broncos also committed two costly 15-yard penalties on an 84-yard drive capped by the first of Cassel's two TD passes to Moss, the 13-yarder that put the Patriots ahead 20-0 with 44 seconds left in the half.

Cassel's six sacks brought the Patriots total to 26 for the season. They were sacked 21 times all last season.

San Francisco 49ers fire Nolan, promote Singletary

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP)—The San Francisco 49ers fired coach Mike Nolan on Monday night, seven games into the fourth consecutive dismal season of his attempt to rebuild the five-time Super Bowl champions.

After four straight losses culminating in Sunday's 29-17 loss to the New York Giants, the 49ers replaced Nolan with assistant head coach Mike Singletary. The former Hall of Fame linebacker in Chicago will take over for the rest of the season, general manager Scot McCloughan said.

Nolan was 18-37 in 3 1/2 seasons with the 49ers, who hired the veteran defensive coordinator to run every aspect of the club in January 2005. Although Nolan brought back a measure of respectability back to the franchise, he has the worst winning percentage (.327) among any 49ers coaches who made it through more than one season with the team.

"The decision was difficult, because Mike has been both a friend and valued coach of our team," said McCloughan, who was hired by Nolan but gained authority over the coach last year. "My first obligation is to do what is in the best interest of our fans and the entire 49ers organization."

Instead of delaying a decision on Nolan's fate until the 49ers' bye week following Sunday's home game against Seattle, McCloughan and owners John and Jed York suddenly couldn't wait another day to get rid of the family's choice to fix the 49ers, who have endured five consecutive losing seasons and haven't made the playoffs since 2002.

Nolan first confirmed his firing to FOXSports.com, but the team inexplicably waited more than six hours to make a formal announcement.

Nolan seemed to have no idea he would be fired when he conducted his usual news conference earlier Monday, and he didn't return a phone call from The Associated Press. Several team executives—including Jed York—and coaches either wouldn't comment or didn't return phone messages, e-mails or text messages, while most 49ers players only knew what they heard on television.

Such abrupt, secretive decision-making is sadly no surprise from an organization run by the mercurial York family, which took over the 49ers after beloved owner Eddie DeBartolo lost control of the team in 2000 to his sister, Denise DeBartolo York.

The 49ers' fortunes have plummeted under the Yorks, who improbably gave power over every aspect of the Niners' football operations to Nolan, a career assistant who had never been a personnel executive. The unorthodox arrangement hasn't thrived on the field or in the front office, and Nolan ceded nominal power to McCloughan last January to avoid being fired after the 49ers finished 5-11.

Singletary, the famed centerpiece of the Bears' dominant defense on their 1986 Super Bowl team, has been at Nolan's side since 2003, when he worked for Nolan on the Baltimore Ravens' coaching staff. Singletary interviewed for a handful of head coaching vacancies in recent years, but was out of the NFL from the end of his playing career in 1992 until joining the Ravens.

"I am confident that Mike Singletary's leadership ability, along with his experience as both a Hall of Fame player and coach, gives him the ability to turn our season around," McCloughan said.

The 49ers had the NFL's worst record in 2004 before Nolan's arrival, but they haven't managed a winning season or made a significant impact on the league in his tenure.

In fact, Nolan might end up being best remembered in San Francisco for his insistence on wearing a suit and tie on the sideline for the 49ers' home games. After two years of protracted negotiations with Reebok, which has a contract to supply clothing to all the league's coaches, Nolan got permission to wear his specially designed suits for two games in 2006 and a full home season last year.

Nolan claimed his snazzy outfits were a way to project an image of authority while paying tribute to the league's former coaching greats, including his late father, Dick, who coached the 49ers and New Orleans Saints.

Nolan was the third NFL coach to be dismissed during the season, joining Oakland's Lane Kiffin and St. Louis' Scott Linehan. The Rams have won two straight games under interim coach Jim Haslett, and the Raiders are 1-1 under Tom Cable.

Earlier Monday, Nolan deflected questions about his job security. John and Jed York attended the 49ers' loss at the Giants, which featured a miserable offensive performance and another defensive struggle.

"It's talked about," Nolan said. "It's a reality, just on the outside. I can't let it affect what my job is. It's just speculation until something is acted upon. ... You always want to have support, but I know what my job is, by having a job. My job is to work with our players and coaches and try to put together the best game plan to win games."

Nolan is in the fourth season of a five-year, $8 million contract.

The 49ers fielded the NFL's worst offense during two of Nolan's first three seasons, including last year. Nolan's first two offensive coordinators—Mike McCarthy and Norv Turner—both left the club after one season for head coaching jobs, and Mike Martz became his fourth offensive coordinator last winter.

Nolan's future also was heavily tied to quarterback Alex Smith, the No. 1 overall pick in 2005. Smith never became a consistent starter in his first three seasons, and had an embarrassing public spat with Nolan last year over the severity of the quarterback's shoulder injuries, which forced him onto injured reserve despite Nolan's prior insistence that the injury wasn't serious.

Smith's shoulder gave him more problems this year, and the quarterback went on injured reserve before the season began. The 49ers promoted veteran journeyman J.T. O'Sullivan to their starting job this year, but a decent offense under Martz's direction hasn't been able to counteract a defense that has yielded a league-high 196 points.

NFL BRIEFS

Cowboys owner says 'Pacman' in alcohol treatment

NEW YORK (AP)—Suspended Dallas Cowboys cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones has entered an alcohol treatment center. The oft-troubled player has checked into a facility "in another part of the country," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones told The Associated Press on Monday. "It's totally done through and by the NFL," Jerry Jones said. The NFL said Monday it would not comment. The league suspended Adam Jones for at least four games last Tuesday for again violating its personal conduct policy. Only six weeks after being reinstated from a 17-month suspension because of repeated legal problems, Jones was involved in an alcohol-related scuffle Oct. 7 with one of his bodyguards at a private party in Dallas. The Cowboys had employed the bodyguards to try to keep Jones out of trouble. "They lost their job when he got suspended. They lost it because there's no more Adam to look out for," Jerry Jones said after a news conference announcing a company the Cowboys are forming with the New York Yankees to handle concession and merchandise sales at their new stadiums. NFL commissioner Roger Goodell will determine the full length of the suspension after the Cowboys play Nov. 16 at Washington. Goodell has said a lifetime ban remains a possibility.

Chiefs may bring in quarterback

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—Out of work quarterbacks, stay by your phone. Kansas City may call. With Brodie Croyle out for the season and Damon Huard wearing a bandage on his throwing hand, the Chiefs are down to a third-teamer who ranks 34th among 34 NFL quarterbacks and a fourth-teamer who hasn't played all season. Tyler Thigpen, who closed out Sunday's 34-10 blowout loss to Tennessee, will start at the New York Jets on Sunday if Huard's injured right thumb does not heal. Behind Thigpen is Ingle Martin, who hasn't been activated all season. "We might bring some (quarterbacks) in," coach Herm Edwards said. "We're still putting together the list." Continuing quarterback woes that have haunted Kansas City (1-5) all season came to a boil on Sunday in the young Chiefs' third blowout loss. Croyle, making his first start since hurting his shoulder in the season opener, hobbled to the sideline in the first half with an MCL injury in the left knee. He's out for the season and the Chiefs are almost certain to give up on the injury-prone Alabama player and make finding a young quarterback prospect a top priority in the offseason.

Who would've thunk it? Rays-Phils in World Series

By RONALD BLUM
AP BASEBALL WRITER

Worst in baseball to World Series winner. The Tampa Bay Rays can become the first team in the majors to complete the ultimate fast turnaround. Doormats no more, they'll have the swagger of a pennant-winner when they play the Philadelphia Phillies starting Wednesday night.

"By the time we got to the point where we had won our league, our guys knew we had a good team," said Atlanta Braves president John Schuerholz, remembering back to when his team fell just short of a worst-to-winner transformation, losing Game 7 to Minnesota 1-0 in 10 innings back in 1991.

It will be a World Series of contrasts that opens at Tropicana Field: North vs. South. Old vs. New. Rest vs. rust. Beloved vs. belittled.

Well, both have disparaged over the years.

The frustrated Phillies have been around since 1883 but the losingest team in the history of U.S. major leagues has had just one title to celebrate, back in 1980. The Rays? The franchise didn't start play until 1998, didn't have a winning season until this year and didn't even shed the Devil from its nickname until after completing play in 2007.

"People were happy when we got our 71st win. People were excited when we got our 81st win, saying you guys have cleared the .500 mark. We still kept going," said Rays pitcher Matt Garza, the AL championship series MVP. "We've proved doubters wrong this entire time."

Philadelphia is famous for the Liberty Bell, cheesesteaks and booing Santa Claus. Tampa/St. Pete is known for the Gasparilla Festival and strip clubs. Until now, its most noted baseball team was the Yankees, who have held spring training there since 1996.

But baseball's glamourpusses have all gone home, with the Yankees and Mets failing to make the postseason, and the Cubs, Dodgers and defending champion Red Sox all getting bounced out of the playoffs.

Tampa Bay was a 200-1 shot to win the Series when betting opened, ahead of only Kansas City and Washington (both 250-1). Philadelphia was 18-1.

"They're resilient. I think both clubs are similar in that way," Phillies manager Charlie Manuel said. "We're not going to quit. I think this year they definitely learned that. They're young and they're flying on a high. We're kind of settled."

After going from 66-96 last year to 97-65 this season, Tampa Bay has a bit of an aura. While the Phillies opened the season with the 13th-highest payroll in the major leagues at $98 million while the Rays were 29th at $44 million, ahead of only Florida.

Philadelphia (42,254) had the fourth-highest attendance average in the NL; Tampa Bay (22,370) was 12th among the 14 AL teams.

Even the general managers are a contrast.

While the Phillies' GM is 71-year-old Pat Gillick, who put together Toronto teams that won World Series titles in 1992 and 1993, Tampa Bay's executive vice president for baseball operations is 31-year-old Andrew Friedman, a former Bear Stearns analyst.

"Nobody expects us to win. Everybody expected us to lose 90 games this year," said 23-year-old David Price, who got his first professional save in the pennant clincher. "We lost seven in a row going into the All-Star break. People thought that was it. The Rays are going to slowly die out. But that's not the case."

Philadelphia bounced back in September to overcome the Mets for the second straight season. For so many years, the headlines read "Phillies Phold." Not this year, at least not yet.

"Philadelphians, they've been starving for a winner," Manuel said. "Let me put it like this, we're due. We're here. Why not get it?"

There's some history between the cities—just not in baseball.

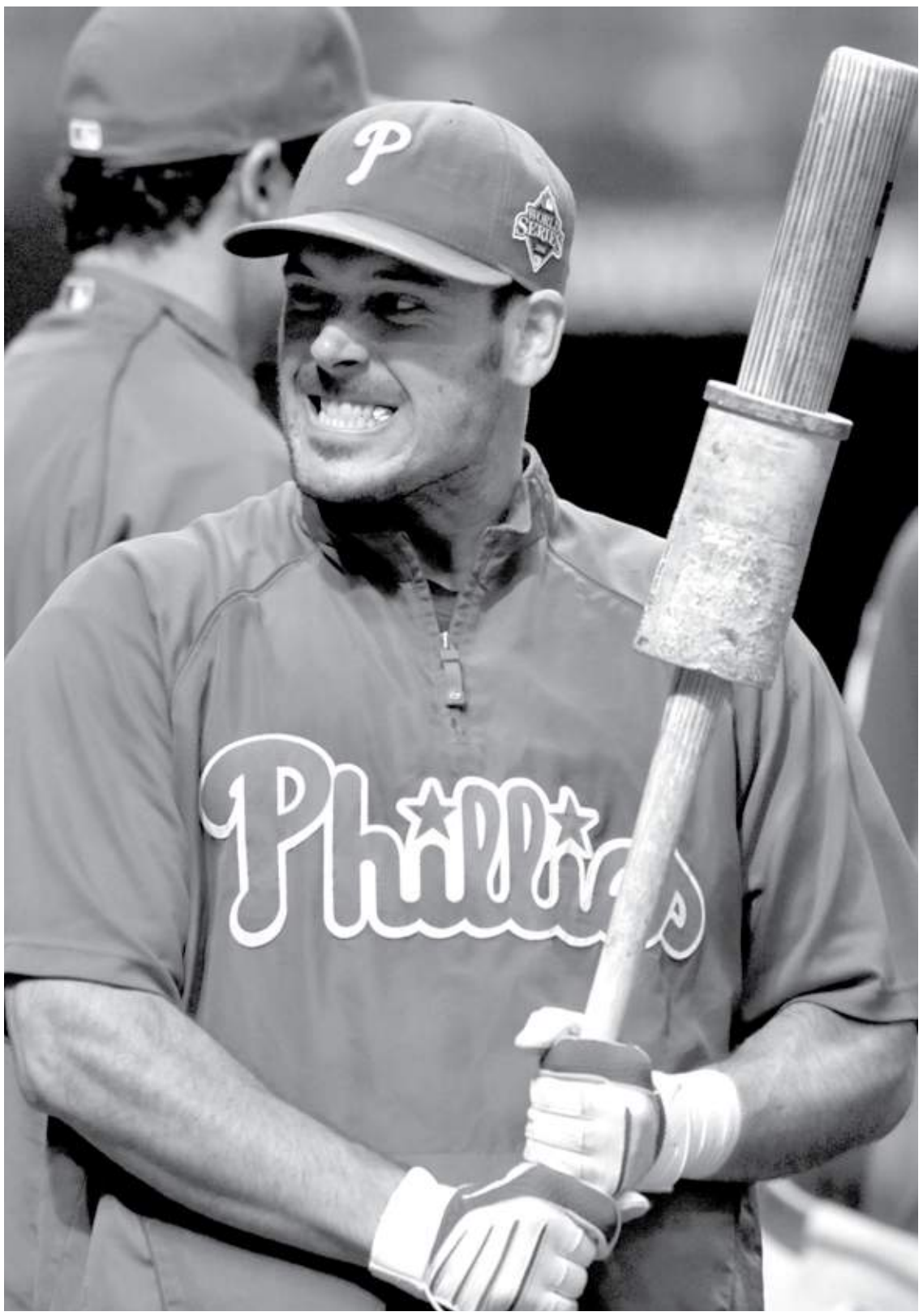
The Buccaneers won the 2003 Super Bowl over Oakland after defeating the Eagles 27-10 in the NFC championship. The Lightning defeated Calgary to win the Stanley Cup in 2004 after beating the Flyers 2-1 in Game 7 of the conference finals.

Philadelphia is just 1-4 in the World Series, beating the Kansas City Royals in 1980, but losing to the Boston Red Sox (1915), New York Yankees (1950), Baltimore Orioles (1983) and Toronto Blue Jays (1993).

Based on the last two years, the six-day layoff between their five-game victory over the Dodgers and the Series opener won't help.

Following eight days off, the Colorado Rockies were swept by Boston last year. Detroit had a six-day rest in 2006, then lost to the Cardinals in six games.

"It's debated, obviously, every year," Manuel said. "So much of it depends on the 25 guys—if they're beat up and they need the rest, or if they're still going on adrenaline."



AP

Philadelphia Phillies Greg Dobbs grimaces as he waits to hit during batting practice at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, Fla., Monday, Oct. 20, 2008.

MLB BRIEFS

Yankees' Chamberlain due in court Dec. 17

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP)—New York Yankees pitcher Joba Chamberlain is to appear in court Dec. 17 for his arrest on suspicion of drunken driving. His blood-alcohol content level was 0.134 at the time of his arrest; the legal limit in Nebraska is 0.08. The 23-year-old pitcher was cited early Saturday on suspicion of driving under the influence, speeding and having an open container of alcohol in his vehicle. Lancaster County Chief Deputy Attorney Joe Kelly said Monday his office has not decided on formal charges. Chamberlain apologized Sunday to the Yankees and fans for his "error in judgment." Yankees co-chairman Hal Steinbrenner said the club is "behind him 100 percent." "He knows he made a mistake, and he's come out and said that," Steinbrenner said Monday in New York. "We've always said we're an extended family, the Yankee family, and will support him 100 percent." He was stopped for speeding at about 1 a.m. Saturday, Nebraska State Patrol spokeswoman Deb Collins said. She said the trooper smelled alcohol in the vehicle and saw an open container of alcohol on the front passenger seat.

Cubs give Hendry 4-year extension

CHICAGO (AP)—General manager Jim Hendry and the Chicago Cubs agreed Monday to a four-year contract extension through the 2012 season, a deal that would expire well after new owners are expected to take over the club. The move came following the Cubs' best regular season in more than six decades. They won their second straight NL Central title and had the league's best record before getting swept out of the playoffs for the second straight year. And bringing back Hendry was an easy choice, despite the pending sale. "The timing, let's face it, it's an odd situation. The team is for sale and has been for sale for sometime," Cubs chairman Crane Kenney said. "As I keep getting reminded, the team was put up for sale on Opening Day 2007. For two full seasons we've had the for-sale sign on our lawn." But Kenney said new Tribune owner Sam Zell signed off on Hendry's new deal. "The business doesn't stop because we're for sale," Kenney said. "Like our midseason move bringing in Rich Harden, or signing Carlos (Zambrano) last year, we try to make good long-term decisions for our organization. We use that guiding principle in whatever we're doing. We assume the new owner will appreciate those things and not have a difficulty with them," Kenney said.

Vegas odds favor Rays to win Series over Phillies

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Las Vegas sports books favor the Tampa Bay Rays to win the World Series over the Philadelphia Phillies and would owe huge payouts if the American League champions prevail.

Oddsmakers say enough bettors took the Rays early in the year at long-shot prices to force books to adjust lines to encourage bets on the Phillies.

Sean Van Patten at Las Vegas Sports Consultants says the Rays are favored at minus-$1.35, meaning a gambler would need to bet $1.35 to be paid $1 if Tampa Bay wins.

Van Patten puts the Phillies at plus-$1.15, meaning a $1 bet would earn $1.15 if Philadelphia wins.

"What we're also trying to protect here is even more Tampa Bay money coming in," Van Patten said. "What we're trying to do is maybe get a little buy-back on the Phillies."

Las Vegas Hilton race and sports book director Jay Kornegay says before the start of the season the Rays were a 200-1 shot for the title.

"It's a significant number for a futures book, but it's nothing that's going to shut down the book or anything," Kornegay told The Associated Press. "It might dim the lights."

Kornegay would not specify how much the Hilton sports book stood to lose if the Phillies win, but said other sports books offered even longer odds on the Rays winning a championship.

The Rays were slightly pricier at the Hilton at minus-$1.40, with the Phillies at plus-$1.20, Kornegay said.

The situation sports books are facing with the Rays is similar to 1991, when sports books lost millions of dollars on futures bets because of the Atlanta Braves and Minnesota Twins, Kornegay said. Both teams rebounded from last-place showings the year before to reach the World Series. Minnesota won the series in seven games.

"We have learned our lesson that we don't open these teams at 500-1 until the season starts and we realize what they have and what kind of team they have," Kornegay said. "This year, I'm going to guess it's probably in the millions range if you accumulate all the liability across the state."

The Rays were heavy underdogs in the American League East mainly because of high expectations for the Boston Red Sox, which swept the Colorado Rockies in the 2007 World Series, and the New York Yankees.

NMIFA U12 league kicks off today

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REPORTER

Eight teams will be debuting today, as the Inaugural 2008 NMIFA U12 Interscholastic Football League kicks off in various school fields on Saipan.

Northern Group's Tanapag Elementary School will be playing its first game in its home field against Saipan International School at 3:30pm.

Over at the Gregorio T. Camacho field, the host team will duel Whispering Palms/Brilliant Star in the other game in the Northern Group.

The Southern Group will also have two games with Oleai Elementary School visiting San Antonio Elementary School. William S. Reyes Elementary School will face Dandan Elementary School A at the San Vicente Elementary School Field in the other match in the Southern Group.

This year's U12 league will have 17 competing teams with the Northern Group composed of seven schools and the Southern Group having eight.

Completing the list are Garapan Elementary School, Eucon International School, and Kagman Elementary School of the Northern Group; Dandan B, Saipan Community School, Koblerville Elementary School, and San Vicente Elementary School of the Southern Group.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
In this file photo NMIFA president Jerry Tan explains to teachers/coaches the importance of having an interscholastic football league in the CNMI during the presentation of donation equipment for public schools last month at the TSL Plaza in Garapan.

Northern Mariana Islands Football Federation president Jerry Tan is ecstatic to have 17 teams in the first-ever U12 league.

"The interscholastic league is part of NMIFA's overall development of football program in the CNMI, thus, I am very pleased with 17 teams from both public and private schools to participate in our inaugural season. We want to bring football to every corner of CNMI, and bringing the sport to school system is one way of achieving it," Tan said.

"Although this is a new sport to many students, I am sure they will enjoy learning it and NMIFA is committed to extend full support to every school. I expect many of these student players will one day become our national players representing CNMI in many international competitions," he added.

Tan said having an organized interscholastic league will help the CNMI secure membership from the Asian Football Confederation and FIFA and funding for its programs.

"AFC and FIFA do give high importance to school competitions, so the interscholastic league will definitely help our application to become one of their members," said Tan, who thanked NMIFA Interscholastic Committee chair Patricia Coleman for spearheading the U12 league.

Coleman coordinated with PSS officials and coaches/teachers and those from the private schools on Saipan to create a U12 league.

Dandan Elementary School principal Jonas Barcinas is this year's league commissioner and he and Coleman vowed to work with coaches and referees to ensure the success of the inaugural league.

The U12 league will have a round-robin format in the regular season with the top two teams in the Southern and Northern groups gaining entries to the playoffs.

Rotary playoffs pairings released

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO
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REPORTER

Pairings in the first round of the playoffs in the 2008 Saipan Rotary Club Youth Basketball League had been completed with games starting tomorrow at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The CNMI Junior Nationals are seeded first in the single-elimination playoffs with their perfect 8-0 record and are paired with No. 8-ranked team Chalan Kanoa Saints.

The Junior Nationals and the Saints, who finished the regular season with a 2-6 slate, will duel tomorrow for Game 1 of the playoffs at 5:30pm.

Game 2 on the same day at 7pm will have the second seed San Antonio Sixers facing the No. 7 pick Kontenders. The Sixers had a 7-1 record in the elimination round, while the Kontenders held a 3-5 slate.

The Kontenders tied the Suns and the Sonics in win-loss records, but were relegated to seventh place after earning the lowest points in the tiebreak.

The Sonics placed sixth and will be pitted against the No. 3 team Rollers I. The Sonics and the Rollers I, which ended the regular season with a 6-2 record, will play in Game 3 on Monday at 5:30pm.

Game 4 is set for Tuesday at 5:30pm and will feature the No. 4 seed G-Stars colliding against the fifth-ranked Suns. The G-Stars completed their regular-season campaign with a 5-3 slate.

The semifinal round is scheduled on Oct. 30 with winners of Game 1 and 4 squaring off for the first finals ticket at 5:30pm. The second semis game will have the victors of Games 2 and 3 dueling for the last finals berth at 7pm.

The title game will be played on Nov. 4 at 7pm. The battle for third place is set on the same day at 5:30pm.

League organizers are reminding teams that failure to settle the entrance fees before the start of their games will result to win forfeiture.

The CNMI Junior Nationals are this year's defending champion, beating the Sonics in last season's finals, 98-91.

The Sonics dropped to the lower half of the team standings this year, as their five wins were forfeited for fielding an ineligible player in the 18-and-under caging.

Only one team was eliminated in this year's Rotary caging with the Rollers II failing to advance to the next round having won only one game in eight matches.

RECORD

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Kosei Toda, Angel Tan, Takumi Sugei, and Arthur Sondheim.

Tsunami Saipan coach Hiro Kimura expressed his satisfaction over his swimmers performances in the dual meet.

"Usually, I'm not satisfied with the results of some swimmers even if they won. However, at this meet, I'm really satisfied with our kids' performances. They showed their best fighting form and tried their best to past their personal best times. In swimming, you race against yourself," Hiro said.

Hiro added that the national and age group record-breaking performances of Tsunami Saipan's three swimmers are products of their hard work during training sessions.

"If they keep working hard, they will not be surprised to get good results," Hiro said.

The Tsunami Saipan coach also noted the performances of seven other Tsunami Saipan swimmers.

He said De Jesus, Tan, Hiroto Yanai, and Ryosei Toda did a good job in their respective events.

Hiro added Kaito Yanao had an impressive debut in the 200m individual medley.

"It was his first time and he did well. We expect him to break one of the oldest records (since 1981) in the 200m IM in the 9 to 10 age group," Kimura said.

The Tsunami Saipan coach also mentioned Graf's performance in the 100m butterfly, saying the event was the toughest in the dual meet and the 16-year-old swimmer bravely raced against some of the fastest sprint swimmers on island.

"He did not even take a breath in the first 25m," said Hiro, who was also impressed with Thea Minor's 50m butterfly swim.

Minor timed in at 40.43 seconds in the 50m butterfly race and Hiro said it will not take the 12-year-old swimmer and CNMI's tennis player long to break the 40-second barrier.

"She will break the 40-second barrier before the year ends," Hiro said.

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"marred" by the 265 pins he tattooed in the final game following perfect scores in his first and second outings.

Percy Omechelang came in second with a score of 843 built around rolls of 300, 265, and 278. Gina Sablan, meanwhile, matched Teodoro with perfect games in the first two before faltering with a 242 in the third to finish with an 842.

Raymond Angeles tied Sablan with his own 842 pinfalls after coming away with a three-game series of 300, 282, and 280.

The win was worth $300 and a trophy for Teodoro, $100 for Omechalang, and $75 for Sablan. The three also took home in-kind prizes courtesy of the tournament's generous sponsors.

Richard Leong (841), Ben Aizon (829), Raul Dumapit (827), Raymond Zapanta (811), Dannie Robles (810), and Romy Guevara (809) complete the Top 10 of the Rumble 7-8-9 Bowling Tournament.

SBA treasurer Ross Zapanta said the Rumble 7-8-9 Bowling Tournament was very successful and he expects to organize more tournaments like it soon.

"Because of the bowlers' support for the tournament, SBA is planning to do more tournaments of the same type in the coming weeks," he said.

SBA would like to thank SBC, Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan, Saipan Grand Hotel, D&Q, Micronesian Brokers, Inc., and Eli Arago for donating prizes for the fundraising tournament.

For more information about the tournament, contact Ross or Gigi Zapanta at 288-5627 or via email at zapanta@pticom.com.

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respective foes to share the lead in the six-team field.

Team 4 played in the second game and outclassed Team 1, 4-2, to nail its second straight win in as many games.

CNMI Women's National Team member Brenda Schultz kicked three goals for Team 4, while Laura Williams added one. Lindsay Davis scored both goals for Team 1, which dropped to a 1-1 record, failing to duplicate its 4-3 triumph over Team 2 during the opening of the league, two weeks ago.

Team 5 also improved to a 2-0 record to tie Team 4 in the No. 1 spot after whipping Team 2, 5-2. Zoe Jewel made three goals to lead Team 5's second straight victory, while Noi Horey scored both goals for Team 2.

In the first game, Team 3 recovered from its loss to Team 4, beating Team 6, 6-2.

Team 3 now shares second place with Team 1, as the two teams have identical 1-1 slates.

Team 6 and Team 2 are at the bottom of the team standings having lost their first two matches.

Meanwhile, three more companies have given their support to the inaugural league.

AON Insurance, Hardt Eye Clinic, and Marianas Medical Center donated funds to purchase uniforms and equipment for the league.

Three other companies had earlier assisted the league. The list include Wild Bills, the Law Offices of Mat Smith, and Marine Tech International.

"The NMIFA Women's committee would like to thank these businesses for contributing and helping to promote girls and women's football in our community," said Williams. "The teams will use the sponsors' names as soon as the uniforms are ready."

Players and organizers of the futsal league also thanked NMC officials for allowing them to use the gym for free.

Games in the futsal league are played every Saturday, from 8:30am to 11:30am. The league will have a round-robin format in the regular season, while the format in the playoffs has yet to be decided.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	5	1	0	.833	149	118
New England	4	2	0	.667	130	116
N.Y. Jets	3	3	0	.500	154	146
Miami	2	4	0	.333	120	130
South						
Tennessee	6	0	0	1.000	149	66
Jacksonville	3	3	0	.500	124	128
Indianapolis	3	3	0	.500	128	131
Houston	2	4	0	.333	140	179
North						
Pittsburgh	5	1	0	.833	141	89
Baltimore	3	3	0	.500	105	100
Cleveland	2	4	0	.333	92	106
Cincinnati	0	7	0	.000	98	182
West						
Denver	4	3	0	.571	173	195
San Diego	3	4	0	.429	192	162
Oakland	2	4	0	.333	97	148
Kansas City	1	5	0	.167	75	165

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

N.Y. Giants	5	1	0	.833	170	101
Washington	5	2	0	.714	140	128
Dallas	4	3	0	.571	189	175
Philadelphia	3	3	0	.500	167	123
South						
Tampa Bay	5	2	0	.714	161	107
Carolina	5	2	0	.714	147	104
Atlanta	4	2	0	.667	139	127
New Orleans	3	4	0	.429	179	163
North						
Chicago	4	3	0	.571	196	150
Green Bay	4	3	0	.571	194	159
Minnesota	3	4	0	.429	154	167
Detroit	0	6	0	.000	97	187
West						
Arizona	4	2	0	.667	177	144
St. Louis	2	4	0	.333	96	178
San Francisco	2	5	0	.286	158	196
Seattle	1	5	0	.167	110	171

Yesterday's Game
New England 41, Denver 7

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOCAL SCORES

Rotary Standings (Final)

Jr. Nationals	8	0
Sixers	7	1
Rollers I	6	2
G-Stars	5	3
Suns	3	5
Sonics	3	5
Kontenders	3	5
CK Saints	2	6

Futsal Standings

	W	L	Points
Team 4	2	0	6
Team 5	2	0	6
Team 3	1	1	3
Team 1	1	1	3
Team 6	0	2	0
Team 2	0	2	0

8th Annual SIS 5K Run

A total of 138 early birds take part in the 8th Annual Saipan International School 5K Fun Run.

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Monica Yamaguchi came in third in the women's division by finishing in 24:09.

A top view of the race's leaders from Suicide Cliff.

DAN KIMBALL

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Edward Joon Cho, left, and Zoe Provido came in second and third behind 1-kilometer kids course topnotcher Cole Chambers.

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Mt. Fuji Marathon veteran Ronald Villafria tackled the flat course in 20:34.

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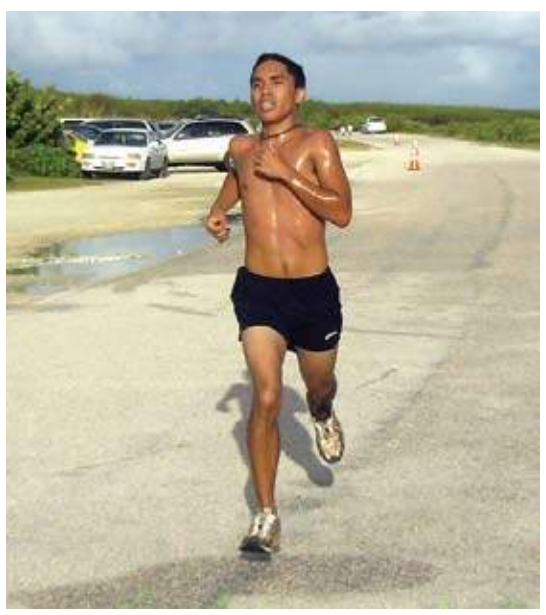
Fred Camacho continues to defy Father Time by finishing the race in a sprightly 23:05.



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Champ Untalan finished second to Ketson "Jack" Kabiriel following a run of 19:16.

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Matthew "Freedom" Mancao is out of breath after coming in third with a time of 19:57.

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Organizer Betty Johnson barks instructions before the start of last Saturday's 8th Annual Saipan International School 5K Fun Run in Marpi.

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From left, Ben Wood, Rebecca Read, and Lewie Tenorio race each other to the finish line.

NMIFA U12 league kicks off today

Eight teams will be debuting today, as the Inaugural 2008 NMIFA U12 Interscholastic Football League kicks off in various school fields on Saipan.

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Sports

Cassel, Morris lead Pats to 41-7 win over Broncos

The New England Patriots finally dominated the way they did when Tom Brady was playing. Matt Cassel threw three touchdown passes in his best game since taking over for the injured quarterback.

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15 sports offered in 2010 Palau Micronesian Games

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A total of 15 sports will be offered in the 2010 Palau Micronesian Games, including possible gold-medal rich events for the CNMI like baseball, tennis, swimming, and triathlon.

This according to an email from Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association president Michael A. White.

Aside from baseball, tennis, swimming, and triathlon, other sports that the 2010 Palau Micronesian Games Organizing Committee intends to put in the calendar in 2010 are athletics, basketball, Micro All-Around, outrigger canoe, spearfishing, fast-pitch softball, table tennis, weightlifting, beach and indoor volleyball, and wrestling.

White

White said ethnic Micronesians, wherever born, can compete for the CNMI if they reside in the islands, and have resided anywhere in Micronesia (Guam, CNMI, Palau, Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Marshall Island, Kiribati, or Nauru) for at least three years up to the start of the Games.

He added that other nationalities, regardless of ethnicity, can compete for the CNMI if they reside in the Commonwealth, and have resided anywhere in Micronesia for at least seven years up to the start of the Games. Temporary absences for school or military service also do not count against the residence requirement.

The CNMI netted the most medals in the 2006 Micro Games which it hosted. Commonwealth teams were able to bring in 35 gold, 33 silver, and 31 bronze medals for a total of 99 medals.

Guam, meanwhile, had the most gold in the Saipan Micro Games with 51 and finished with the second most total medals with 96, while Palau finished in third in the gold medal race with 27, while hauling a total of 64 medals.

The Micronesian Games began in 1969 as the Micronesian Olympics on Saipan. It made a return in 1990 on Saipan again before moving to Guam in 1994 and to Palau in 1998. Pohnpei hosted the 2002 Games. The CNMI hosted the 2006 edition of the Games only following the withdrawal of Chuuk.

Record-breaking swims for Tsunami Saipan

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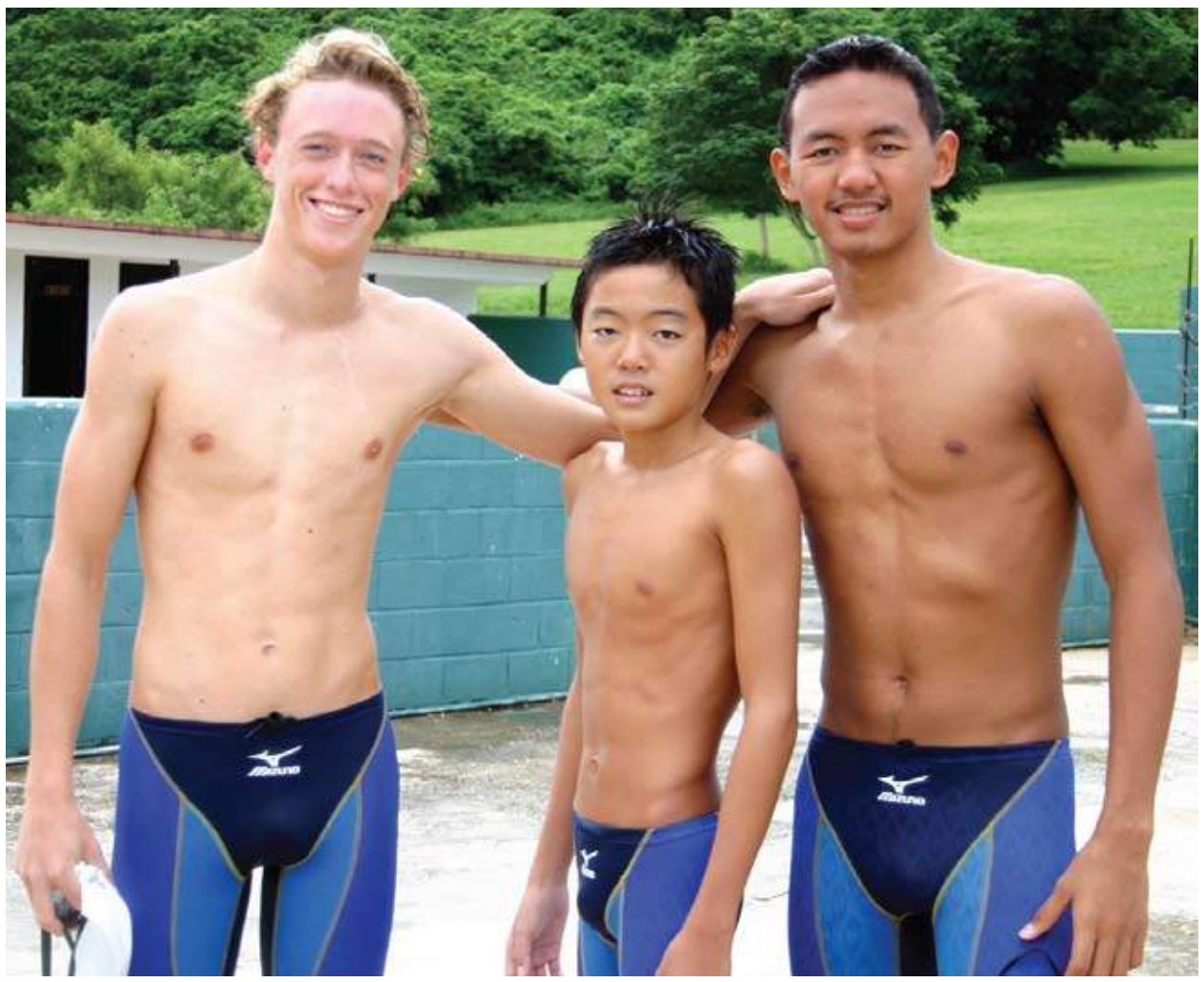
Tsunami Saipan's Rezne Wong shattered the CNMI National Record in the 50m breaststroke swim, while teammates Kai Staal and Kensuke Kimura broke age groups marks during the Tsunami Swimming Center Saipan-Saipan Swim Club Dual Meet Saturday at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool in Marpi.

Wong timed in at 33.39 seconds in the 50m breaststroke, eclipsing his own mark of 33.88 seconds which he posted on Feb. 1, 2008. Wong also set a new mark in the 17 to 18 age group which he himself recorded (34.95 seconds) on May 31, 2008.

The 17-year-old Wong swam in three other events during the one-day meet. He clocked in at 32.26 seconds in the 40m backstroke and 56.61 seconds in the 100m freestyle. In the 50m freestyle, Wong recorded 26.13 seconds, just a second behind Jonathan Sakovich's mark in the 17 to 18 age group.

Staal broke two records in the boys' 13 to 14 age group. He finished the 200m freestyle race in 2:07.16, shattering the 2:08.71 mark Dean Palacios posted on July 24, 2001.



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Tsunami Saipan's record-breaking trio, from left, Kai Staal, Kensuke Kimura, and Rezne Wong pose for *Saipan Tribune* at the end of the Tsunami Saipan-Saipan Swim Club Dual Meet Saturday at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool in Marpi.

The 14-year-old Staal made another record-breaking swim in the 50m freestyle, timing in at 26.18 seconds, .05 ahead of previous record-holder Joshua Taitano, who clocked in at 26.23 on Dec. 9, 2005.

Staal also swam in the 100m freestyle, posting 58.54 seconds, less than a second behind the record of Taitano (57.86 seconds).

Completing the record-breaking trio of Tsunami Saipan was Kimura, who set a new mark in the 800m freestyle.

Kimura finished the longest race among the 14 events featured in the dual meet in 10:23.35, beating Taitano's mark (10:45.50) in the boys' 11 to 12 age group.

The 12-year-old Kimura saw action in three more events. He timed in at 39.34 seconds in the 50m breaststroke, more than two seconds behind the 37.25 seconds off Jacoby Winkfield's 1:26.66 in the 100m breaststroke, less than four seconds behind Winkfield's 1:22.72 mark; and 32.74 seconds in the 50m freestyle, more than five seconds shy off Taitano's 28.16 seconds.

More than 20 Tsunami Saipan swimmers joined the dual meet.

The list include Kaito Yanai, Sarah Johnson, Cooper Graf, Marystar, Salofi, and Ashley Welch, Thea Minor, Hiroto Yanai, Angel De Jesus, Ryosei Toda, Dylan Ackerman, Quintin Ramsey,

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Teams 4, 5 share futsal league lead

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There is a two-way tie for the lead in the Inaugural 2008 NMIFA Women's Futsal Fall League after last week's games at the Northern Marianas College Gymnasium.

Team 4 and 5 downed their

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Team 5's Katie Peters prepares to kick the ball during their game against Team 2 in the women's futsal league Saturday at the Northern Marianas College Gymnasium.

Teodoro tops Rumble 7-8-9

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Lito Teodoro knocked down 300 pins in his first two games en route to winning Saipan Bowling Association's Rumble 7-8-9 Bowling Tournament last Sunday at the Saipan Bowling Center.

Taking full advantage of the format, which scored strikes for pinfalls of more than seven in the first game, eight in the second, and nine in the third and final game, Teodoro posted an eye-popping total of 865 to rule the tournament.

His otherwise perfect night was

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Rumble 7-8-9 Bowling Tournament winner Lito Teodoro, second from left, poses with runners-up Percy Omechalang, Gina Sablan, and Raymond Angeles during the awards ceremony last Sunday at the Saipan Bowling Center.